MINUTES

of the

BOARD OF SUPERINTENDENTS

OF THE

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

of the

REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA

at

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.

BEGINNING MAY 15, 1912.

RULES OF ORDER.

ARTICLE I.

The Board shall meet annually at such time and place as may be directed by the General Synod.

ARTICLE II.

Any seven members of the Board, regularly convened, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE III.

The Board shall annually elect a President and Clerk. They shall also appoint a Stated Clerk, who shall hold his office agreeably to the provisions of the General Synod of 1841. (See Minutes of 1841, page 518).

ARTICLE IV.

In the transaction of business the following order shall be observed:

1. Opening with Prayer.
2. Calling of the Roll.
3. Election of Officers.
4. Reading of the Minutes and Rules of Order.
5. Appointment of Standing Committees.
6. Communications.
7. Examinations.
8. Reports of Committees.
9. Particularia.
10. Resumption and Close.
11. Adjournment.

ARTICLE V.

The following Standing Committees shall be appointed:

1. On the Reception of Students into the Seminary.
2. On the Professorial Report.
3. On the Synodical Report.
4. On Synodical Minutes.
5. On Seminary Grounds and Property.

ARTICLE VI.

The following particulars shall be observed in the examination:

1. The examination shall embrace the various subjects taught by the different Professors.
2. The Board shall, at its annual meeting, superintend an examination, to be conducted by the Professors, of all the students connected with the School, on the studies that have been pursued during the year.
3. For ascertaining the pulpit talents of the students they shall be required, except those of the Junior Class, to present a written sermon for the examination of the Board;

and those of the Senior Class shall deliver a sermon or discourse before the Board.

The following plan of examination, approved by the General Synod of 1874, shall be pursued:
1. The examinations shall be by written answers to questions agreed upon by a committee of the Board and the Professors, together with such oral questions as members of the Board may desire to ask.
2. It shall be competent for the Board to divide itself into sections for the purpose of carrying on the examinations simultaneously.
3. Each Professor shall be allowed one day in which to examine his classes.

ARTICLE VII.

An address shall be delivered to the students, after the examinations, by a member of the Board appointed at a preceding meeting.

ARTICLE VIII.

For the preservation of order in the transaction of business, the Board shall be directed by the By-Laws of the General Synod.

ARTICLE IX.

These Rules shall be read at each meeting of the Board.

MAY 15, 1912.

of the Theological Seminary

The Board of Superintendents of the Reformed Church in America, New Brunswick, N. J., met in regular session in the chapel of Hertzog Hall, on Wednesday, May 15th, 1912, at 10.30 a.m. The meeting was called to order by the president, Rev. Nathan H. Demarest, who offered the opening prayer.

On account of the absence of the stated clerk, Rev. Jasper S. Hogan was elected stated clerk protem. Rev. C. P. Ditmars was elected temporary clerk.

Roll Call.

The following members were present:

Classes	
Albany	Rev. Joseph A. Jones, D.D.
Bergen	" Charles S. Wright
Bergen, South	" Jasper S. Hogan
Greene	" Samuel T. Clifton, Ph.D.
Hudson	" Herman Hageman
Kingston	"
Long Island, North	" C. D. F. Steinfuhrer, D.D.
Long Island, South	" James M. Farrar, D.D.
Monmouth	
Montgomery	" W. N. P. Dailey
Newark	" A. T. Broek
New Brunswick	" W. H. S. Demarest, D.D.
New York	" Edgar Tilton, Jr., D.D.
Orange	" Peter Crispell
Paramus	
Passaic	" George W. Labaw
Philadelphia	" C. F. C. Suckow
Poughkeepsie	" Charles G. Mallory
Raritan	" B. W. D. Wyckoff
Rensselaer	" Wm. J. Leggett, Ph. D.
Rochester	
Saratoga	" O. H. Walser, D.D.
Schenectady	" C. Peterson Ditmars
Schoharie	" John H. Brandow
Ulster	" Nathan H. Demarest
Westchester	" Henri De Vries
Particular Synods	
Chicago	" J. A. Thurston
Albany	Elder Wm. L. M. Phelps
Albany	" William Van Orden
New York	"
New York	
New Brunswick	
New Brunswick	" Austin Scott, LL. D.
Ex-Officio	The President of the Faculty, Prof. J. P. Searle, D.D.

Excuses.

The following were excused for non-attendance: Rev. Frank. P. Seeley, Rev. Theo. W. Welles, D.D., Rev. J. Meulendyke, Elder Marston T. Bogert, John S. Bussing, and Albert L. Force.

ART. III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. S. T. Clifton, Ph. D., was elected president. The resignation of Rev. P. T. Pockman, D.D., as stated clerk, was received and read. Resolved that the resignation be accepted with the sincere thanks of the Board for the faithful service rendered during the past years. It was resolved that the temporary clerk be directed to cast the ballot for Rev. Jasper S. Hogan for stated clerk. The ballot was so cast and Rev. Jasper S. Hogan was delcared elected stated clerk of the Board.

ART. IV. MINUTES AND RULES OF ORDER.

The minutes of the last meeting were read. The Rules of Order were not read.

RESOLVED, That the attention of General Synod be called to the fact that the Classis of Rochester is not represented at this meeting because they declined to bear the travelling expenses of their representative in the Board of Superintendents.

RESOLVED, That the officers of the Board be directed to convey to ~~him~~ our sympathy in his illness, and also express our sympathy for Professor Johnson on account of the illness of his son. Dr. Austin Scott led the Board in prayer.

HOUR OF SESSIONS.

The time of meetings was fixed for 2.30 and 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday, and 10.00 a.m. and 9.30 p.m. on Thursday.

ART. V. STANDING COMMITTEES.

1. Reception of students.
Rev. W. H. S. Demarest, D.D. — Rev. Charles S. Wright
Rev. James M. Farrar, D.D. — Elder Austin Scott, LL. D.

2. Professors' Report.
Rev. Edgar Tilton, Jr., D.D. — Rev. John A. Thurston
Rev. Charles S. Wright

3. Synodical Minutes.
Rev. Joseph A. Jones, D.D. — Rev. Herman Hageman
Rev. Charles G. Mallory

4. Synodical Report.
Rev. Peter Crispell — Rev. John H. Brandow
Rev. A. T. Broek

5. Seminary Grounds and Property.
Rev. C. H. Walser, D.D. — Rev. W. N. P. Dailey
Elder William Van Orden

6. Mid Winter Examinations.
Rev. W. H. S. Demarest, D.D. — Rev. R. V. D. Wyckoff
Elder Austin Scott, LL. D.

7. Written Examinations.
Rev. T. W. Welles, D.D. — Rev. C. E. Ditmars
Rev. C. S. Wright — Rev. S. T. Clifton, Ph.D.
Rev. C. D. F. Steinfuhrer, D.D. — Rev. Henri De Vries
Rev. W. J. Leggett, Ph.D. — Rev. A. T. Broek
Rev. R. V. D. Wyckoff — Rev. G. W. Labaw
Rev. Herman Hageman — Rev. F. S. Wilson

RESOLVED, That the president of the Board and the president of the Faculty be empowered to fill any vacancies which may occur on these committees.

ART. VI. COMMUNICATIONS.

Report of the committee on the reception of students.

The committee met in Suydam Hall, Wednesday, Sept. 20, 1911, at 11.00 a.m. There were present the chairman, the Rev. W. H. S. Demarest, D.D.,LL. D., Elder Austin Scott, LL. D., The Rev's. C. S. Wright and J. S. Hogan, and the Faculty of the Seminary. The chairman opened the meeting with prayer. Professor Raven was appointed secretary.

As directed by the Board of Superintendents at their meeting in May, two members of the present Senior Class appeared before the committee and explained the cause of their absence from the final session of the Board. It was resolved that their apology be accepted as adequate.

The following applicants for admission to the Junior Class presented themselves:

Henry Delevan Frost, A.B. (Rutgers, 1911), of Dairyland N. Y., a member of the Fallsburgh Reformed Church of Woodbourne, N. Y.

John Herman Heinrichs, a member of the Evangelical Reformed

Church of Canarsie, L. I., who has nearly completed the academic course at Bloomfield Seminary. His address is 125 Court St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

John Neander, A.B. (Rutgers 1911), a member of the Holland Reformed Church of Albany, N. Y.

Melvin Verne Oggel, A.B. (University of Michigan), 1911, of Holland Mich.

Francis Marmaduke Potter, A.B. (University of Oxford, 1911), a member of the Reformed Church of Metuchen, N. J.

Floyd Elihu Terwilliger, of Dwaarkill, N. Y., a member of the Shawangunk Reformed Church.

Albertus Christian Van Raalte, A.B., (Olivet, 1911), and Theodore Demarest Walser, A.B.(Union, 1911), a member of the Reformed Church of Cohoes, N. Y.

All of these presented certificates of church membership except Messrs Oggel and Van Raalte. All presented diplomas of graduation except Messrs Heinrichs and Terwilliger. They were all examined separately concerning their personal religious experience and views in desiring to enter the ministry.

It was resolved that Messrs Oggel and Van Raalte be received into the Junior Class upon the presentation of their certificates of church membership; that Mr. Heinrichs be received on the presentation of satisfactory proof of scholarship; that Mr. Terwilliger, who has had no collegiate preparation, be received as a special student on probation; that the other applicants be received into the Junior Class and that the Faculty be authorized to examine and receive any who may present themselves later.

The young gentlemen were then recalled and addressed by Dr. Scott concerning the momentous nature of their decision to seek the ministry and their duties in the Seminary.

The committee adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. Frederic Berg, D.D.

John H. Raven, Secretary.

V. H. D. Demarest, Chairman.

This report was accepted and adopted.

REPORT OF THE FACULTY FOR 1911 - 1912.

The Faculty respectfully reports to the Board of Superintendents,

Rev. J. Frederic Berg, Ph.D., D.D., was installed Professor of Hellenistic Greek and New Testament Exegesis, and began his work at the beginning of the year. His inaugural address is to be published by the Laidlie Fund. He has continued his work as Acting Lector in Biblical Theology and Sacred History.

Rev. John H. Gillespie, D.D., besides his teaching on New Testament Criticism, has given an hour's teaching on the exegetical study of the English Bible, also an hour's teaching on Missions each week during the year.

We think the best interests of the Seminary will be advanced if his valuable services can be secured the coming year.

Mr. S. T. Ryder of the Junior Class of last year was granted leave of absence for one year, after consultation with the Board of Education, to pursue his studies in Scotland.

Mr. A. B. Ver Hulst of the same class was excused from attendance on account of poor health.

Mr. A. V. V. Raymond, Jr., of the Middle Class of last year has been given a letter of commendation to another Seminary.

The following students have been in regular attendance during the past year:

Post Graduates

Harold Edward Green — Royal Arthur Stout

Senior Class

Marcus C. T. Andreae
Victor John W. Blekkink
John Albert Dykstra
Tennis Earl Gouwens
Alois Alexander Vrisly
Maurice G. Vies
Peter H. Pleune
Arthur C. Roosenraad
Luman J. Shafer
Abraham J. Van Houten
David Van Strien
James T. Veneklasen

Middle Class

Arthur P. Boynton	Andrew Kiss
Daniel Young Campbell	James Lord
William Dumont Conklin	Bert William Maass
Peter De Meester	Charles Wemple Smith
Jesse F. Durfee	Charles F. Stube
James Dykema	Henry A. Vruwink
Louis C. H. Hamory	Isaac Ward
Andrew Hansen	John Henry Warnshuis
Edward B. Irish	

Junior Class

Henry Delevan Frost	Francis Marmaduke Potter
John H. Heinrichs	Emiel Onno Schwitters
John Meander	Floyd Elihu Terwilliger
Melvin Verne Oggel	Albertus C. Van Raalte
Theodore Demarest Valser	

Mr. H. B. Frost has been given permission to take lectures at the Graduate School of New York University.

Mr. B. W. Maass of the Middle Class has been given the permission required by the General Synod to marry soon after the coming commencement

The students designated by your Board last year have made up all the deficiencies as required.

The Rev. Edward Lodewick Prize for the best preacher in the Senior Class has been awarded to Mr. J. A. Dykstra

We, for sufficient reasons, refuse to recommend Mr. A. Kiss of the Middle Class for examinations.

We recommend all the students of the three classes, with that sole exception, for examination.

President Silas Neff, Ph.D., of the Neff College of Oratory, Philadelphia, and Prof. Parbour, P. C., of Rutgers College, have given instruction and training in oratory. Mr. Herman F. Dietman of Brooklyn has given instruction in voice culture and in singing.

We have secured the following lectures during the year:
Hon. E. Parmelee Prentice, LL. D., on"John Calvin and Democracy".
Prof. Caspar R. Gregory, LL. D., on "Social and Educational Conditions in Germany".
John R. Mott, LL. D., gave the Graves Lectures on Missions.
Rev. A. F. F. Raymond, LL. D., gave the lectures on the Christian Ministry.

The Society of Inquiry has secured the following lecturers during the year:
Rev. C. S. Macfarland, Ph.D., on "The Church and the Social Order".
Prof. W. T. Marvin, Ph.D., on "The Fallacy of Confusing Origin and Value".
Rev. I. W. Gowen, D.D. on "The Church for Today".
Prof. Julius Nelson on "The Relation of Biology to Theology".
Rev. Samuel McGerald, D.D., on "The True Faith and How I Found It".
Rev. C. H. Tyndall, Ph.D., on "The Wonders of Ether Waves".
Mr. W. H. Meadowcroft on "The Life and Work of Thomas A. Edison".
Rev. J. L. Leeper, D.D., on "Job and His Comforters".

On the fifteenth of February, the Society of Inquiry celebrated its one hundredth anniversary. The History of the Society by Mr. T. J. Shafer of the Senior Class is to be published by the Laidlie Fund.

At the request of the students we have established a quarter of an hour's devotional service in the Chapel immediately preceding classroom hours each day.

At the request of the Faculty, Dr. Raven has prepared with great labor, care and skill a Biographical Record of our Seminary from 1784 to 1911. It has been published by the Laidlie Fund.

We have selected Rev. Wm. I. Chamberlain, D.D., to give the "Graves Lectures on Missions" next year, and the Rev. James R. Howerton, D.D., Professor of Philosophy in Washington and Lee University, Va., to give the lectures on "The Christian Ministry".

We respectfully suggest to the Board of Superintendents that a special speaker of prominence be secured for each commencement; also that the time of the winter examinations be changed from before the Christmas holidays to about Jan. 20th each year.

F. S. Schenck, for the Faculty.

This was received and referred to the Committee on the Professors' Report.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SEMINARY GROUNDS AND PROPERTY.

This report was received and read for information, and referred to the Board's committee on seminary grounds and property. The report will be forwarded as customary to the General Synod.

ART. VII. EXAMINATIONS.

THE COMMITTEE ON WRITTEN EXAMINATIONS met in Hertzog Hall, Wednesday, May 15, 1912, at 9.30 a.m. In the absence of the chairman, Dr. T. W. Welles, the Rev. P. V. D. Wyckoff was elected chairman, and opened the meeting with prayer. The Rev. Dr. J. H. Raven was elected secretary. Reports were presented by the various subcommittees on examinations, and were approved as read.

THEOLOGY.

The Rev. P. V. D. Wyckoff reported the absence of the chairman Dr. Welles, on account of sickness, which rendered the work of this committee unusually arduous. In spite of this the papers of all the classes have been examined with care, with the following results:

SENIORS. Twelve papers were presented. All of these were satisfactory. We recommend that all of these young men be passed.

MIDDLERS. Fourteen papers were presented. Ten of these were good. We recommend that these be passed. Four, however, need special treatment,- Messrs Poynton, Hamory, and Maass. We recommend these ~~five~~ for re-examination in the fall. And as to the fourth, Mr. Ward, we suggest that he receive an admonition from the Professor.

JUNIORS. All of the papers from the Junior Class were good, with the exception of Mr. Terwilliger's, whom we recommend for re-examination.

ECCLESIASTICAL HISTORY AND CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

The Rev. Charles S. Wright reported on this subject. The papers of the Senior Class were found to be excellent, and its members were recommened to be passed. The Middle Class papers were all good except that of Mr. Maass. They recommend that he be asked to fulfill such conditions as Dr. Johnson shall impose upon him. The Junior Class papers were all satisfactory excepting that of Mr. Terwilliger, who needs to be cautioned by Prof Johnson.

BIBLICAL THEOLOGY AND NEW TESTAMENT CRITICISM.

Rev. S. T. Clifton reported having examined these papers in these departments, 12 in the former, and 10 in the latter, and recommended the passing of all of the papers except that of Mr. Maass, which showed a marked deficiency, and that he be re-examined by Dr. Berg.

PRACTICAL THEOLOGY.

The report was made by Rev. C.P. Ditmars. The examinations were attended, and the papers were carefully reviewed. Two slight failures were noticed, but the committee recommended that all of the men be passed. The committee expressed especial pleasure with reference to some of the sermon outlines.

GREEK.

Rev. M. H. Demarest reported that all of the classes were examined in rapid reading. The work of all the students was accepted excepting Mr. Irish of the Middle Class, and Mr. Neander of the

Junior Class. The work of all was satisfactory in Exegetical Theology, except that of Mr. Irish. The committee recommends that Mr. Irish be conditioned in this department and be required to review his rapid reading during the summer, and take another examination with Dr. Berg at the beginning of the next seminary year. Also, that he be given another examination in written work, either before or after the summer vacation at such time as may be arranged by Dr. Berg. They also recommend that Mr. Meander be required to review rapid reading during the summer and take an examination with Dr. Berg at the beginning of the fall term.

HEBREW.

Rev. Dr. Steinfuhrer reported favorably for all of the examinations in Dr. Raven's department. The committee was particularly pleased with the maps prepared by the Junior Class. They recommend that of all of the papers be passed.

BIBLICAL THEOLOGY.

Dr. Walser reported that the work of all of the classes in this department was to be praised in the highest manner. The committee made the recommendation that all of the papers be passed.

At the close of these reports the committee on written examinations closed their meeting with prayer by Dr. Leggett.

R. V. D. Wyckoff, Chairman.

This report was received and approved.

ORAL EXAMINATIONS.

The first section on oral examinations would respectfully report: that all of the examinations attended by this section were sustained, and the most of them were more than usually satisfactory.

Wm. J. Leggett, Chairman.

The second section attended the examinations in the different classes and respectfully offers the following recommendations: Resolved that the examinations be sustained without conditions except in the case of Arthur B. Poynton whom the committee passed in Church History only on the recommendation of Prof. Johnson, and on condition that the Professor inform him of this fact and advise him in such a manner as the case may require.

Henri de Vries, Chairman.

The third section has attended all the oral examinations to which it was assigned. The subjects covered by the Professors in their questioning of the students have been very wide, and the committee would express its pleasure in the readiness and general accuracy with which the replies of the students have, in the main, been given. The only exception to this that we would note was found in the Middle Class by Dr. Searle, where four of the young men,- Messrs. Poynton, Hamory, Maass, and Ward,- displayed somewhat less familiarity with the subject under inquiry than the committee would have liked to see. In view of the fact that these four men were marked by the committee on written examinations for further treatment by the Professor before going on with the work for another year, your committee would simply call the attention of the Professor to this further shortcoming. With this exception we would vote that the examinations be sustained.

R. V. D. Wyckoff, Chairman.

These reports were accpted and adopted, and all of the oral examinations were sustained with the exceptions noted.

The Seniors were then recommended for professorial certificates, and the other classes for regular advancement.

Resolved that the Board meet the Faculty at eleven o'clock, and the students at twelve o'clock on Thursday.

ART. VIII. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The committee on the Professors' Report.

To your committee was handed the report of the Faculty of our Seminary.

It brought to our attention the installation of Professor J. Frederic Berg, D.D., and the special work of Rev. John H. Gillespie, D.D., in exegetical study of the English Bible and Missions.

It recorded the good work during the year of the students and recommended all of them, with one exception, for examinations.

Your committee noted with pleasure the splendid corps of lecturers provided by the Faculty and the Society of Inquiry during the year.

We would call your attention to the History of the Society of Inquiry prepared by Mr. L. J. Shafer of the Senior Class, and to the Biographical Record of the Seminary prepared by Prof. Raven, both of which have been published and distributed.

This report suggests that the best interests of the Seminary will be advanced if the services of Dr. Gillespie could be secured for the coming year. Your committee would recommend that the proper steps be taken to secure the valuable services of Dr. Gillespie for the coming year.

Furthermore,- The Faculty suggests to the Board of Superintendents that a special speaker of prominence be secured for each commencement. We would recommend this suggestion to you for approval and also recommend that the President of the Faculty and the Stated Clerk be and hereby are appointed a committee to procure such a speaker.

The Faculty suggests a change in the time of the winter examinations from before Christmas to about January 20th. We would recommend that such a change be and hereby is ordered.

Charles S. Wright
John A. Thurston

This report was accepted and the recommendations adopted.

The committee on Synodical Minutes.

The committee on Synodical Minutes have examined the Minutes of General Synod of 1911 and beg to report:

(1). That General Synod took appropriate action on the resignation of Professor Gillespie, passing commendatory resolutions, and also sanctioning his appointment as Instructor in Textual Criticism and Missions.

(2). That General Synod unanimously elected Rev. J. Frederic Berg, D.D., to the chair of Hellenistic Greek and New Testament Exegesis, and also made arrangements for his installation.

Respectfully submitted,
J. Addison Jones
H. Hageman
C. G. Mallery

This report was accepted.

Committee on Seminary Grounds and Property.

The committee to which has been referred the 43rd Annual Report of the Standing Committee on the Seminary Grounds and Property at New Brunswick, N. J., would respectfully report as follows:

There is little in the report that demands special consideration, and it will be remembered that it is referred to the Board only for its information. It is a document which shows the property interests of the Seminary to be in the best of condition, and the sole duty of the Board seems to be that of self congratulation. Your committee satisfies itself therefore with a reference to one part of the report, which it would emphasize and urge upon the favorable thought of those who may have special influence in the matter: viz.

"The overcrowded condition in the Gardner A. Sage Library,

referred to in previous reports, continues. It is embarrassing and discouraging. We respectfully ask General Synod definitely to authorize and strongly to urge the Permanent Committee on Finances to devise and secure relief for the difficult situation".

All of which is respectfully reported.

Oliver H. Walser, Chairman.

This report was accpted and adopted.

The Committee on Synodical Report.

This committee prepared the report of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., to the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America. This report was read and approved, and will be forwarded to that body and will be printed in the Minutes of General Synod.

Peter Crispell
John H. Brandow
Albertus T. Broek

ART. IX. PARTICULARIA.

It was resolved that the sermons submitted for examination be returned to Professor Schenck. Sermons from the Senior and Middle Classes, which had been distributed among the members of the Board who had not served on the committee for written examinations, were reported upon favorably.

The members of the Faculty were received at 11.00 o'clock. They were welcomed by the president of the Board, in whose behalf he commended them for their faithful service. Professor Searle addressed the Board in behalf of the Faculty.

The following bills were ordered paid:
The travelling expenses of Rev. J. A. Thurston from the Particular Synod of Chicago, the salary of the Stated Clerk of the Board, the bill for printing the schedule of examinations, and any other necessary expenditures.

Resolved that Rev. S. T. Clifton, Ph. D., be appointed to deliver the address to the graduating class in 1913. Rev. C. P. Ditmars was selected as his secundus.

Resolved that all who feel obliged to leave before adjournment at the close of the evening session be excused.

Resolved that we extend a hearty vote of thanks to the Committee on Seminary Grounds and Property for their entertainment of the Board at its present meeting.

Resolved that a committee of five be appointed by the president, of which he shall be a member, to consider any matters which may require the action of the Board in relation to the possible nomination of a professor during the coming year. The following were appointed on this committee: Rev. W. H. S. Demarest, D.D., Rev. J. M. Farrar, D.D., Rev. W. J. Leggett, Ph.D., Rev. Charles S. Wright, and the president of the Board, Rev. S. T. Clifton, Ph. D.

Resolved that beginning next year the meeting of the Board with the students shall be at 11.30, instead of 12.00 o'clock.

The members of the Senior Class preached before the Board on Wednesday night, and were examined on personal piety and views in entering the ministry. These were unanimously approved.

At 12.00 o'clock on Thursday, by previous appointment, the students of the Seminary presented themselves before the Board. The president, Dr. Clifton, announced to them the result of their examinations. He also addressed them briefly and commended them to the Great Head of the Church who must give them their highest equipment for the service to which He has called them.

The graduating exercises were held in the First Reformed Church Thursday night at 7.30. Rev. S. T. Clifton, Ph. D., presided. The professorial certificates were presented to the graduating class by Professor Schenck. The address to the graduates, on behalf of the Board of Superintendents, was delivered by Rev. W. H. Demarest. The prizes which had been awarded were presented by the president of the

Faculty, Professor Searle.

ART. X. RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

All sessions were opened and closed with prayer.
The minutes were read and approved.
The meeting of the Board was adjourned with prayer at the close of the Thursday night service.

Saml Tilden Clifton President.

C. P. Tinnin Temporary Clerk.

Joseph S. Horan, Stated Clerk.

The Board of Superintendents of the New Brunswick Theological Seminary met in regular session in the chapel of Hertzog Hall at 10.30 A.M., Wednesday, May 21st, 1913. The meeting was called to order by the president, Rev. Samuel T. Clifton, Ph. D., who offered the opening prayer.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present:

Classes		
Albany		
Bergen	Rev.	Charles S. Wright
Bergen, South	"	F. S. Wilson
Greene	"	Samuel T. Clifton, Ph.D.
Hudson	"	Herman Hageman
Kingston	"	Frank P. Seeley
Long Island, North	"	C. D. F. Steinfuhrer, D.D.
Long Island, South	"	James M. Farrar, D.D.
Monmouth	"	Garrett M. Conover
Montgomery	"	W. N. P. Dailey
Newark	"	A. T. Broek
New Brunswick	"	W. H. S. Demarest, D.D.
New York	"	Edgar Tilton, Jr., D.D.
Orange	"	Peter Crispell
Paramus		
Passaic	"	George W. Labaw
Philadelphia	"	C. F. C. Suckow
Poughkeepsie	"	Charles G. Mallery
Raritan	"	R. V. D. Wyckoff
Rensselaer	"	Wm. J. Leggett, Ph.D.
Rochester	"	J. Meulendyke
Saratoga		
Schenectady	"	C. Peterson Ditmars
Schoharie	"	John H. Brandow
Ulster	"	Henry W. Brink
Westchester	"	Henri De Vries
Particular Synods		
Chicago	"	John A. Thurston
Albany		
Albany		
New York	Prof.	F. R. Hutton
New York		
New Brunswick	Elder	Austin Scott, LL.D.
Ex-Officio	The	President of the Faculty

ART. III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Rev. Herman Hageman was elected president. The Rev. Henry W. Brink was elected temporary clerk.

ART. IV. READING OF MINUTES AND RULES

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read for information. On motion the reading of the Rules of Order was omitted.

ART. V. STANDING COMMITTEES

Reception of Students

Rev. W. H. S. Demarest, D.D. Rev. Charles S. Wright
Rev. J. M. Farrar, D.D. Elder Austin Scott, LL.D.

Professors' Report

Rev. F. S. Wilson Rev. F. P. Seeley
Rev. C. G. Mallery

Synodical Minutes

Rev. Peter Crispell Rev. W. N. P. Dailey
Rev. G. W. Labaw

Synodical Report

Rev. J. H. Brandow Rev. S. T. Clifton, Ph.D.
Rev. C. F. C. Suckow

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Rev. R. V. D. Wyckoff	Rev. F. S. Wilson
Rev. C. P. Ditmars	Rev. F. R. Seeley
Rev. S. T. Clifton, Ph.D.	Rev. C. G. Mallery

ART. VI. COMMUNICATIONS

A letter was read from Professor Marston T. Bogert, LL.D., announcing his resignation from the Board and expressing his continued interest in the Seminary. The motion was made and carried that Professor F. R. Hutton be invited to sit as a corresponding member of the Board, in view of his nomination by the Particular Synod of New York as the successor of Professor Bogert.

A communication was received from the Stated Clerk of the Classis of Rochester calling attention to the misapprehension of the Board in reference to their failure to send their representative to the last annual meeting. This was referred to the committee on synodical report.

The following petition was received from Professor Schenck:

To the
Board of Superintendents:-
Dear Brethren:-

I hereby request you to grant me a leave of absence of three months this coming winter that my wife and I may visit Egypt and the Hold Land.

The earliest suitable season for such a visit begins in December. Many things may conspire by that time to prevent our going, but this is my only opportunity to secure your permission to go. The three months requested include the Christmas vacation, and so are reduced to two months and a half.

I do not claim that my work has been so hard or so fine that I deserve this favor. I can only say it has been continuous for fourteen years.

Neither can I claim that I need this favor on account of failing health. I can only say that advancing age warns that if the visit to the East is to be made at all it would be well to make it soon.

I assure you however that granting me this favor you will help me to realize a life long dream, and I trust I will be able to render you more efficient services upon my return.

Let me also assure you that I will endeavor to teach my whole course to the three classes during the portion of the year I remain here. I believe I can do this by intensive teaching, and perhaps by adding a few hours each week to regular class room work.

With great respect,

Yours truly,

F. S. Schenck.

This petition was referred to the committee on the Professors' Report.

Report of the committee on the reception of students.

To the Board of Superintendents:-

The committee on the reception of students met in conjunction with the Faculty of the Seminary on Wednesday, September 18, 1912, and after due inquiry into the case of each candidate admitted to the Junior Class the following:

Walter Sax Bloom (Rutgers 1912), a member of the Reformed Church of Catskill, N. Y.

Henry Vilmer Hotaling (Rutgers 1912), a member of the Reformed Church of Bath, N. Y.

Anthony Luidens (Hope 1912), Holland Mich.

James Mulder (Hope 1912) Zeeland, Mich.

Henry Moeller Prentiss,(Student of one year at College of the City of New York), New York City.

James Claude Thomson (Rutgers 1910), Middlebush, N. J.

Mr. Vanter and Mr. Moore in view of their lack of adequate preparation for the Seminary were advised to pursue studies for two years in Rutgers College, an opportunity for which in special relations was offered by the President of Rutgers. These two young men expect to enter the Seminary a year hence.

The Faculty were authorized to receive and act upon subsequent applications.

Austin Scott, Chairman of Committee.

Report of the special committee to secure a speaker for the commencement exercises.

To the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary:

The undersigned were appointed a committee of this body at its last session to secure a speaker to make a special address at the commencement exercises of this year. It gives us great pleasure to report that we have succeeded in obtaining the consent of the Rev. Malcolm J. McLeod to perform this duty.

No action was taken last year in reference to providing compensation for your special speaker, and no promise of remuneration has been made in your name, but we venture to suggest that the services rendered is worthy of compensation and that it will not always be easy to secure addresses of the type desired if no promise of honorarium is connected with the invitation.

Respectfully submitted,
J. P. Searle
J. S. Hogan

This report was received and approved. The consideration of the honorarium was referred to the committee on the Professors' Report.

REPORT OF THE FACULTY.

The Faculty of the New Brunswick Theological Seminary respectfully presents its report to the Board of Superintendents for the Seminary year 1912-1913.

The following students have been in attendance during the year:

Post Graduate

Teunis Earl Gouwens	Harold Edward Green

Senior Class

Arthur Boardman Poynton	Bert William Maass
William Dumont Conklin	Stephen Willis Ryder
Peter De Meester	Charles Wemple Smith
Jesse Fitzgerald Durfee	Charles Frederic Stube
James Dykema	Henry Andrew Vruwink
Andrew Hansen	Isaac Ward
Edward Bartholf Irish	John Henry Warnshuis

Middle Class

Henry Delevan Frost
Louis S. H. Hamory
John Herman Heinrichs
John Neander
Melvin Verne Oggel
Francis Marmaduke Potter
Henry George Roest
Emiel Otto Schwitters
Albertus Christian Van Raalte

Junior Class

Walter Sax Bloom
Henry Kilmer Hotaling
Anthony Luidens
James Mulder
Henry Moeller Prentiss
James Claude Thomson

Of the post graduate students, Mr. Gouwens is the Alida Van Schaick Scholar. He has taken his major study in History of Doctrine with Prof. Searle, and his minor studies in Biblical Theology with Prof. Berg, and Social Pathology with Prof. Schenck. Mr. Green has taken his major in History of Doctrine with Prof. Searle, and his minors in History Contemporaneous with the Old Testament with Prof. Raven, and Social Pathology with Prof. Schenck.

Of the Senior Class, Messrs. Maass and Ward have pursued only the English subjects. Mr. Ryder returned after the beginning of the year after a year's leave of absence spent in study at the United Free Church College, Glasgow, and in travel in Palestine and elsewhere. Mr. Stube has been appointed by the Board of Education the Alida Van Schaick Scholar for the coming year.

Of the Middle Class, Mr. Walser of last year's middle class withdrew at the beginning of this year to pursue his studies elsewhere. Mr. Hamory is studying only the English branches. He was reported one year ago as a member of the Middle Class. Not passing his examinations at that time, excepting in Practical Theology, he has been required to take the work of the middle year again. Mr. Roest entered the Seminary in January. He had taken the work of the Junior year in 1908-1910 at the Western Theological Seminary and hoped to be able to overtake the Middle Class and pass the examinations at this time. The condition of his health, however, and of his finances, made this impossible for him, and he withdrew from the Seminary about April 1st. Near the end of the year Mr. Van Raalte endured a surgical operation. His strength not being sufficiently restored to make up for the absence and prepare for the examinations, he has gone to his home expecting to return at the beginning of the next Seminary year. We therefore request the permission of the Board to examine him at that time on the work of the Middle year, with the supervision of the Board.

At the end of the last Seminary year, the Faculty appointed Mr. Francis Marmaduke Potter the George Augustus Sandham scholar for his class. We report with regret that Mr. Potter expects to leave at the end of this year to engage in Foreign Mission work in India under the Reformed Church.

Of the Junior Class, Mr. Mulder is pursuing only the English branches in the Seminary, but he has studied beginner's Greek under Dr. Gillespie and expects to take the full work of the Junior year beginning next September.

Messrs. Stube and Frost have taken courses at New York University, and Mr. Potter at Columbia University.

Dr. Gillespie has given instruction in New Testament Textual Criticism, and Missions, in the regular curriculum. He has had a class in the Exegesis of the English New Testament for those students who are not taking Greek and has also given special instruction in Greek to two students who are taking special work in Rutgers College with the approval of the Seminary Faculty preparatory to entering the Seminary. The Faculty hopes that the valuable services of Dr. Gillespie may be secured for another year.

Prof Berg has been acting Lector in Biblical Theology and Sacred History in addition to the work of the New Testament Department. It is hoped that the income of the Carver legacy already announced, will make it possible for the General Synod to elect a

Professor in this important subject soon and that until then other funds will permit continuing the service of the Lector.

Prof. Edward Livingston Parbour of Rutgers College has given individual instruction in elocution during the year, and Dr. Henry L. Southwick, President of the Emerson College of Oratory of Boston, has given lectures on Public Speaking accompanied by instruction. Mr. Herman F. Dietman has given instruction in Vocal Music.

The Graves Lecturer on Missions for the year was Rev. William I. Chamberlain, Ph.D., D.D. It is gratifying to report that all the back payments for lectures for this course have now been made, and henceforth the entire income can be expended in lectures each year. The Lecturer on the Christian Ministry for the year was Rev. James R. Howerton, D.D., LL.D., Professor of Philosophy in Washington and Lee University. His lectures have been published by the Fleming H. Revell Company of New York under the title "The Church and Social Reforms" for the Rev. Archibald Laidlie, D.D., LL.D., Memorial Fund of the Seminary. Other lecturers during the year have been Rev. Frank Moore, Rev. Frederick Lynch, D.D., Rev. Sartell Prentice, Jr., D.D., Rev. Henry E. Dosker, D.D., LL.D., Rev. Henry Sluyter, Mr. Sydney P. Noe, Mr. John Fulton, Miss Mary Jensen, and Miss Elizabeth Vermilye.

A day was devoted to a conference on missions at which the speakers were Mrs. John S. Allen and Mr. H. A. Vinports on Domestic Missions, and Miss Olivia W Lawrence, Rev. Joseph Sizoo and Dr. C. Stanley G. Mylrea on Foreign Missions.

An important forward step in the educational work in the Seminary has been the introduction of electric light in the Sage Library which has made it possible to keep the library open in the evenings. Electricity having been introduced into Hertzog Hall and an electric lantern and reflectoscope having been purchased, the Seminary is enabled to conduct certain lines of instruction by means of slides. The Museum has also been enriched by the purchase of several casts representing some of the greatest archeological treasures of the British Museum and Louvre.

The Faculty has made a thorough examination of the curriculum devoting an evening to each department under the guidance of its professor, in order to make the course as up-to-date and thorough as the small size of the Faculty and the time at our disposal will permit. Several important additions to the curriculum have been made within recent years which are not recognized by the plan of the Seminary. It is our desire to have official recognition of these required studies, and that certain other changes be made. On the whole we respectfully submit the following requests:

1. We petition the General Synod through your Board to transfer the subject of Church Government, which naturally belongs to Ecclesiology, from the Department of Church History to that of Systematic Theology.

2. We petition the General Synod through you to change the name of the James Suydam Professorship from "Didactic and Polemic Theology" to "Systematic Theology" according to the approved terminology of Theological Encyclopedia.

3. We petition the General Synod to transfer the subject of Sacred History from the Lectorship of Biblical Theology to the Professorship of Church History were it formerly was.

4. We petition the General Synod to change the name of the last-named Professorship from "Ecclesiastical History and Church Government" to "Sacred and Ecclesiastical History".

5. We petition the General Synod to change the name of the present Lectorship and proposed sixth Professorship from "Biblical Theology and Sacred History" to "Biblical Theology and The English Bible".

6. We petition the General Synod to add the following subjects to the required curriculum in the Old Testament Department: The History of the English Versions to be added in the Junior Year; History Contemporaneous with the Old Testament and Semitic Epigraphy to be added in the Senior Year.

7. We petition the General Synod to add the following subjects to the required curriculum in the New Testament Department: Political History of Palestine; Jewish Life and Religion in New Testament times; and Contemporaneous New Testament Literature.

8. We petition the General Synod to require all students not taking Hebrew or Greek to take an equivalent in the Exegesis of the English Bible.

9. We petition the General Synod for power to require students to take a course of assigned theological and general- culture reading.

10. We request the General Synod to increase the minimum number of required hours from fourteen to sixteen per week.

11. We request the Board of Superintendents to consider the advisability of omitting the oral examinations excepting in the cases of men concerning whom the written examination committee are uncertain whether they have passed or failed.

12. We would suggest the possibility of holding the commencement exercises at 11.30 or 12 o'clock, if the Alumni Association approve, and of having the oration before the Association delivered at commencement. This, we believe, would greatly increase the attendance and interest of these exercises.

In explanation of request 9, we would say that if this request is granted, it is our purpose to offer a full English course in the Old and New Testaments Departments. This will be given by the Exegetical Professors until the professorship in the English Bible is established. Tentative outlines of such courses are as follows:

OLD TESTAMENT

Junior Year

A. Course	Hebrew Grammar Translation of Genesis Vocabulary General Introduction Introduction to Pentateuch	4 hours
	Biblical Geography Biblical Antiquities	1 hour
B. Course	Exegesis of Genesis in English General Introduction Introduction to Pentateuch	4 hours
	Biblical Geography Biblical Antiquities	1 hour

Middle Year

A. Course	Biblical Hermeneutics Exegesis of Messianic Passages in Hebrew Introduction to Prophets Textual Criticism	3 hours
B. Course	Biblical Hermeneutics Exegesis of Messianic Passages in English Introduction to Prophets	3 hours

Senior Year

A. Course	Exegesis of Psalms in Hebrew Introduction to Wethubhim	2 hours
	Contemporaneous History Chronology Paleography and Epigraphy	1 hour

B. Course	Exegesis of Psalms in English Introduction to Hagiographa	2 hours
	Contemporaneous History Chronology Paleography and Epigraphy	1 hour

NEW TESTAMENT

Junior Year, 1st Term

A. Course	Introduction, General Exegesis Rapid Reading	1 hour 2 hours
B. Course	Beginner's Greek Introduction, General Exegesis from English Testament	2 hours 1 hour 1 hour

Second Term

A. Course	Exegesis History of the Canon Rapid Reading	2 hours 1 hour
B. Course	Beginner's Greek Exegesis from English Testament History of the Canon	2 hours 1 hour 1 hour

Middle Year, 1st Term

A. Course	Exegesis Political History of Palestine, Jewish Life and Religion in N. T. Times Rapid Reading	2hours 1 hour
B. Course	Beginner's Greek Exegesis from the English Testament	2 hours 2 hours

Second Term

A. Course	Exegesis Textual Criticism Rapid Reading	2 hours 1 hour
B. Course	Beginner's Greek Exegesis from the English Testament	2 hours 2 hours

Senior Year, 1st Term

A. Course	Exegesis Special Introduction Rapid Reading	2 hours 1 hour
B. Course	Exegesis from Greek Testament Special Introduction Word Studies in Greek Test. & Synonyms Rapid Reading	1 hour 1 hour 1 hour

Second Term

A. Course	Exegesis Cotemporaneous N. T. Litarature Rapid Reading	2 hours 1 hour

B. Course	Exegesis from Greek Testament	1 hour
	Textual Criticism	1 hour
	Cotemporaneous N. T. Literature	1 hour
	Rapid Reading	

The Faculty has voted to authorize Prof Schenck to require the students to report on their summer work at the opening of the Middle and Senior Years.

The Faculty has enacted certain rules concerning the preaching of students in the churches and has appointed Dr. Raven Professor in charge of the student preaching.

The Rev. Edward Lodewick Prize for the best preacher in the Senior Class has been awarded to Mr. Andrew Hansen.

All the students are recommended for examination.

John H. Raven, for the Faculty.

This report was received and referred to the committee on the Professors' Report.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SEMINARY GROUNDS AND PROPERTY.

This report was read By Dr. Searle, and on motion was referred to the Board's committee on Seminary Grounds and Property. The report will be forwarded to the General Synod.

Art. VII. EXAMINATIONS

The committee on written examinations met at the appointed hour and place. As Dr. Welles, the chairman, was absent because of ill health, Dr. Leggett was elected chairman pro tem, and Dr. Raven was elected secretary. Rev. F. S. Wilson led in prayer. Reports were made on all the written examinations by the sub-committees or Professors, and they recommended that all the examinations be sustained, except that of Mr. Schwitters of the Middle Class in Hebrew, who is to be examined again in September by Prof. Raven. These recommendations were unanimously approved.

Three of the students were absent for good reasons from some or all of the written examinations, and it was voted that these take the omitted examinations in September, viz. Mr. Van Baalte in all departments; Mr. Schwitters in Prof Schenck's and Prof. Gillespie's departments, and in Biblical Theology; and Mr. Thomson in Biblical Theology.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. Leggett,

Chairman pro tem.

ORAL EXAMINATIONS

The chairman of the first section, Rev. C. S. Wright, and the chairman of the second section, Rev. A. T. Broek, reported verbally for the examinations which they had attended. They reported favorably upon all of the classes, in all subjects.

The third division on oral examinations have voted to sustain all the examinations to which they have listened, but desire to express their lack of satisfaction with some of the examinations caused by the hesitancy, lack of conciseness, clearness and accurateness of many of the answers, and we suggest that in the daily work in the class rooms the Professors use such means as will, in their judgments, best remedy these defects.

Wm. J. Leggett, Chairman.

MIDWINTER EXAMINATIONS.

The midwinter examinations at the New Brunswick Theological Seminary were held a little later than usual this year, taking place on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, January 22nd-24th. Two of the members of the committee were present, Pres. W. H. S. Demarest, and Rev. R. W. D. Wyckoff. Dr. Austin Scott was unable to attend on account of sickness. The committee attended as many of the examinations as they were able, and examined the papers that were submitted to them from the different classes. At the close of the second day of the examinations they met with the Faculty to consider the results of their work.

Pres. Demarest presided, and the Rev. R. W. D. Wyckoff was made secretary. It was reported that the students without exception had attended and taken the examinations. It was also stated that the examinations had been held in every department of the curriculum excepting Biblical Theology and Ethics, in which it was thought by the Faculty that one examination, given at the conculsion of the year, would be sufficient.

The work done by the students was taken up by classes with the following results:

Senior Class. Every man had passed in everything very creditably.

Junior Class. These also had passed in everything with credit

Middle Class. It was found that this class had not done themselves as much credit as was thought desirable in two departments.

In the work of Dr. Searle's room there were some papers presented which the Professor wished to look over a little more carefully. This was left to Dr. Searle.

In the examination given by Dr. Berg there was a very grave shortcoming reported by the Professor. It was resolved to report these papers to a committee consisting of Drs. Demarest, Berg and Searle, for further examination, and such action as they may deem best. In view of the unavoidable absence of the Secretary from the Friday examinations it was then resolved that the rest of the examinations be left to the oversight of Dr. Demarest and the members of the Faculty.

The examinations were finally declared sustained.

W. H. S. Demarest, President.
R. W. D. Wyckoff, Secretary.

In view of these various reports it was resolved that the members of the Senior Class be given certificates of graduation, and that the members of the other classes be advanced.

ART. VII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON THE PROFESSORS' REPORT.

The committee recommended that the Report of the Faculty be considered seriatim. The various recommendations were then considered:

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10. We request the General Synod to increase the minimum number of required hours from fourteen to sixteen hours per week. Approved

11. We request the Board of Superintendents to consider the advisability of omitting the oral examinations excepting in the cases of men concerning whom the written examinations committee are uncertain whether they have passed or failed. After discussing the matter the Board resolved that no action should be taken on the subject

12. We would suggest the possibility of holding the commencement exercises at 11.30 or 12 o'clock, if the Alumni Association approve, and of having the oration before the Association delivered at commencement. Approved.

Professor Schenck's petition.

The following resolution was recommended and adopted: The Board of Superintendents, having received the request of Professor Schenck for leave of absence in the winter of 1913-1914, finds that it is without authority to grant such leave , that the authority rests with the General Synod.

They would, however, record their interest in Professor Schenck's desire for a visit to the Holy Land, and their hope that the way may be clear for him to carry it out.

They also record their judgment that, if the Synod find it possible to grant the leave of absence, arrangements should be made for the full carrying on of the work in the Department while Professor Schenck is Away.

Resolved that the Board of Superintendents, with the consent of Professor Schenck, transmit his request to the General Synod.

F. S. Wilson
F. P. Seeley
C. G. Mallery Committee.

COMMITTEE ON SYNODICAL MINUTES

The Committee on Synodical Minutes would respectfully report that they have found nothing requiring the action of this Board.

Peter Crispell
George W. Labaw
W. W. P. Dailey Committee

COMMITTEE ON SYNODICAL REPORT

This committee presented their report, which was adopted, and by order of the Board forwarded to the General Synod for publication in the Minutes of General Synod.

John H. Brandow
S. T. Clifton
C. F. C. Suckow Committee

The Seniors gave synopses and parts of sermons under the supervision of Professor Schenck at the Wednesday night session. They were also examined on personal piety and views in entering the ministry. These examinations were unanimously sustained.

The members of the Faculty were received by the Board at eleven o'clock Thursday morning. The President of the Board cordially commended them for their work during the past year. Professor Schenck addressed a few words to the Board, and Prfessor Searle responed on behalf of the Faculty.

All of the students were welcomed at 11.30. They were addressed by the President of the Board, who also offered prayer.

ART. X. RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

All sessions were opened and closed with prayer.

The minutes were read and approved.

The graduating exercises were held in the Second Reformed Church Thursday night at 7.30. The President of the Board presided. The Scripture lesson was read by the Rev. David Van Horne, President of the Central Theological Seminary at Dayton, Ohio. The professorial certificates were presented to the graduating class by Professor Raven. Rev. S. T. Clifton, Ph.D., addressed the graduates on behalf of the Board of Superintendents. A special address on the topic,- "The Ministry Which Our Age Demands",- was delivered by the Rev. Malcolm J. Mc Leod of New York. The prizes which had been awarded were presented by the President of the Faculty. The closing prayer was made by the Rev. J. W. Beardslee, D.D., of the Western Theological Seminary.

Herman Hagemann President

Henry H. Brink

Temporary Clerk

Jasper S. Hogan, Stated Clerk

The annual meeting of the Board of Superintendents of the New Brunswick Theological Seminary was held in the chapel of Hertzog Hall, Wednesday, May 20, 1914, at 10.30 a.m. The meeting was called to order by the President, Rev. Herman Hageman, who offered the opening prayer.

ART. II. ROLL CALL.

The following members were present;

Classes.	
Albany	Rev. Joseph A. Jones, D.D.
Bergen	" Charles S. Wright
Bergen, South	" F. S. Wilson
Greene	
Hudson	" Herman Hageman
Kingston	
Long Island, North	" C. D. F. Steinfuhrer, D.D.
Long Island, South	" James M. Farrar, D.D.
Monmouth	" Garrett M. Conover
Montgomery	" G. G. Seibert
Newark	" A. T. Broek
New Brunswick	" W. H. S. Demarest, D.D.
New York	" Edgar Tilton, Jr., D.D.
Orange	" Peter Crispell
Paramus	
Passaic	" T. P. Vernoll
Philadelphia	" F. C. Suckow
Poughkeepsie	" J. P. Case
Raritan	" R. V. D. Wyckoff
Rensselaer	" Wm. J. Leggett, Ph.D.
Rochester	" D. L. Betten
Saratoga	" H. F. Hamlin
Schoharie	" John W. Brandow
Ulster	" Henry W. Brink
Westchester	" Henri De Vries
Particular Synods	
Chicago	
Albany	
Albany	Elder William Van Orden
New York	" F. R. Hutton, Sc.D.
New York	
New Brunswick	
New Brunswick	" Austin Scott, LL.D.
Ex-Officio	The President of the Faculty

ART. III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Rev. Ferdinand S. Wilson was elected president. On motion the stated clerk was directed to cast the ballot for the Rev. Henry W. Brink for temporary clerk.

ART. IV. READING OF MINUTES AND RULES OF ORDER

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read for information. On motion the reading of the Rules of Order was omitted.

ART. V. STANDING COMMITTEES.

Reception of Students

Rev. W. H. S. Demarest, D.D. Rev. Charles S. Wright.
Rev. Edgar Tilton, Jr., D.D. Elder Austin Scott, LL.D.

Professors' Report

Rev. J. A. Jones, D.D. Rev. T. P. Vernoll
Elder F. R. Hutton, Sc.D.

Synodical Minutes

Rev. C. P. Case
Rev. G. G. Seibert
Rev. Henri De Vries

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Rev. Herman Hageman
Rev. J. A. Jones, D.D.
Rev. M. P. Wernoll
Rev. F. P. Seeley

ART. VI. COMMUNICATIONS

The following resolution was received from the Classis of Iowa: "Whereas it has come to our knowledge that students whose literary acquisitions may with reason be questioned to be adequate to pursue with profit the course of study required at our Theological Seminaries are nevertheless admitted to those institutions, and

"Whereas we believe, in harmony with the traditions of our church, that healthy progress will be best by the ministrations of an educated ministry as required by the Constitution of our church, and

"Whereas the extension of education among all classes of people calls for a better equipped and more thoroughly trained ministry than was perhaps necessary in former years, and

"Whereas the Constitution of the Reformed Church in America provides especially for the admission into the ministry of such as are deficient in literary attainments but who in the judgment of the Classis give promise of usefulness, therefore be it

"Resolved that we, the Classis of Iowa in regular session assembled, do hereby express our regret that the bars of admission have been lowered; and further, we hereby humbly petition the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminaries of our Reformed Church in America to exercise due care in considering the qualifications of entering students."

This communication was referred to the Committee on Professors' Report.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTE ON THE RECEPTION OF STUDENTS.

The Committee on the Reception of Students of the Board of Superintendents of the New Brunswick Theological Seminary met in Hertzog Hall at eleven a.m., Sept. 24, 1913.

Present, Rev. W. H. S. Demarest, D.D., LL. D., Elder Austin Scott, LL.D., and the Faculty.

Dr. Demarest was elected chairman, and Prof. Raven secretary Prof. Schenck opened the meeting with prayer.

The following young men presented themselves and showed their college diplomas, if graduates, and certificates of church membership:

(1). Gerritt De Motts, A.B. (Hope 1913). Member of the Reformed Church, Alto, Wis.

(2). Marinus J. Den Herder, A.B. (Hope)1913. Member of the Fifth Reformed Church, Grand Rapids, Mich.

(3). Cornelius De Young, special student fouryears at Hope College. Member of Second Reformed Church, Pella, Iowa.

(4). J. H. S. Putnam, A.B. (Rutgers 1913). Member of the Reformed Church, St. Johnsville, N. Y.

(5). Harold W. Schenck, A.B. (Rutgers 1913). Member of the Trinity Reformed Church, Plainfield, N. J.

(6). George B. Scholten, A.B. (Hope 1911). Member of the Reformed Church, Edgerton, Minn.

(7). Homer L. Sheffer, A.B. (Rutgers 1913). Member of the Reformed Church, Highland Park, N. J.

(8). Raymond D. Shepard, A.B. (Union 1912). Member of the First Reformed Church, Hudson, N. Y.

(9). Chauncey N. Stevens, member of the Reformed Church, South Gilboa, N. Y.

(10). Lyman A. Talman, M.E. (Cornell 1912). Member of the Reformed Church, Spring Valley, N. Y.

(11). Eldred C. Vanderlaan, A.B. (Hope 1911). Member of the Second Reformed Church, Muskegon, Mich.

Each of these young men was examined privately in regard to his personal religion and views in desiring to prepare for the ministry. They were then received into the Junior class of the Seminary, Messrs De Young and Stevens however being received on probation because they are not college graduates, and Mr. Talman being conditioned in Greek because of lack of preparation in that subject. All the candidates were then addressed by Dr. Demarest concerning their life-work and were commended to God in prayer by Dr. Scott.

John H. Raven, Secretary.

REPORT of the special committee appointed to provide for the work of Prof. Schenck's department during his absence:

The committee on supply of instruction in the department of Professor Schenck during his leave of absence would report that conference was had with the Faculty and arrangements made, satisfactory to the Faculty and apparently appropriate- namely visiting lecturers be secured and that the several Professors in the other departments divide other class hours among them for the carrying on of the work of the absent Professor. These arrangements have been carried out and the work of the department generously maintained. The visiting lecturers included Dr. James M. Farrar, Dr. James S. Kittell, Dr. J. A. Jones, Dr. Edgar Tilton,Jr., Rev. W. H. Boocock, and Dr. D. J. Burrell.

W. H. S. Demarest, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MID-WINTER EXAMINATIONS.

The Committee of the Board of Superintendents on winter examinations met on January 22 and 23, 1914.

There were present the Rev. B. W. D. Wyckoff, the Rev. W. H. S. Demarest, and the members of the Faculty. The examinations as appointed were held and all the students were present at all their appropriate examinations with a single exception where attendance was impossible and excuse accepted. All the students were approved as passing the examinations satisfactorily save in one instance where a re-examination was required. Such re-examination was afterwards held and satisfactorily passed.

W. H. S. Demarest
B. W. D. Wyckoff

REPORT of the special committee appointed last year, consisting of Dr. Searle, Dr. Farrar, and Rev. F. S. Wilson, to consider the feasibility of admitting women to a course of study in the Seminary was made verbally. The report was received and the com. continued.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.

The special committee appointed at the last meeting of the Board to communicate with the Alumni Association in regard to the advisability of combining their meeting with the commencement exercises of the Seminary on Thursday morning, reported through the chairman, Rev. P. V. D. Wyckoff, After conference with the committee of the Alumni Association it was decided to make the annual address before the association a part of the commencement exercises, which will be held in Kirkpatrick Chapel, Thursday at 11.45 a.m. On motion this report was accepted and the new arrangement confirmed.

REPORT OF THE FACULTY.

To the Board of Superintendents, the Faculty of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, New Jersey, respectfully presents the following report:

The following students have been in attendance during the year:

Alaida Van Schaick Scholar

Charles Frederic Stube

Post-Graduate

Harold E. Green

Senior Class

Henry Delevan Frost
Louis S. H. Hamory
John Herman Heinrichs
John Neander
Melvin Verne Oggel
Emil Onno Schwitters
Albertus Christian Van Raalte

Middle Class

Walter Sax Bloom
Henry Kilmer Hotaling
Anthony Luidens
James Mulder
Henry Moeller Prentiss
James Claude Thomson

Junior Class

Gerritt De Motts
Marinus John Den Herder
Cornelius De Young
John Henry Stowitts Putnam
Harold William Schenck
George Benjamin Scholten
Homer Lewis Sheffer
Raymond Dalton Shepard
Chauncey Newcomb Stevens
Lyman Alfred Talman
Eldred Cornelius Vanderlaan

Mr. Hamory, listed with the Seniors, is a Hungarian by birth and has been preparing for work among his own people in this country. Owing to language and other difficulties he has spent five years in the Seminary and taken only the work in History, Theology, and Practical Theology. He is a candidate for a certificate simply of work done.

Mr. Mulder, listed with the Middle Class, entered the Seminary without preparation in Greek. He desired to take the full course and has so arranged his studies with the professors and with Dr. Gillespie as to acquire preparatory Greek and complete the entire schedule of Seminary work in four years instead of three. He has therefore taken Junior Hebrew and Greek this year. His other work was done with the Middle Class.

Messrs. Thomson of the Middle Class and Putnam and Sheffer of the Junior Class, have been unable, as their oculists have urged, to take the work of their respective classes in Hebrew. All those not taking Hebrew have taken the equivalent in work in the English Bible as required by the action of the General Synod of last June.

Mr. Shepard of the Junior Class has been ill for the three weeks immediately preceding examinations, and is for this reason unable to take them. His case may, if you follow precedent, be referred to the Committee on the Admission of Students, and the Faculty.

Mr. Henry Delevan Frost, was appointed to the Augustus Sandham Scholarship in the Senior Class in place of Mr. F. M. Potter who withdrew from the Seminary at the end of the Middle Year to become Principal of Voorhees College, Vellore, India

Mr. Anthony Luidens has been appointed to the same scholarship from the Middle Class. The appointment to this scholarship from the Junior Class depends in part upon the results of examinations still to be conducted by you and so cannot be reported at this meeting.

Mr. M. V. Oggel of the Senior Class has been awarded the Rev. Edward Lodewick prize for preaching.

The celebration of the 350th Anniversary of the Heidelberg Catechism ordered by the session of General Synod to be held in the year 1913, was observed on October 21. A scholarly address on the History of the Catechism was made by Prof. Kolyn of the Western Seminary. An address on the Preaching of the Catechism was made by Prof. Schenck, and an address on the Places connected with the Making of the Catechism was made by the Rev. James I. Good, D.D., of the Central Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the U. S. The first of these was delivered in Hertzog Hall and the other two at a popular meeting with the people of the Reformed Churches of the city in the First Reformed Church.

The Rev. Charles R. Watson, D.D., gave the N. F. Graves Lectures on Foreign Missions. His four lectures dealt with the general subject of the Moslem propoganda in Africa.

Dr. Gillespie has continued his valuable services as Instructor in Missions, and has done effective work in teaching Preparatory Greek to students in the College who expect to enter the Seminary and who are not candidates for the A. B. degree, as well as to Mr. Mulder. It is eminently desired that his services be retained. In addition the Faculty feels that the importance of Missions as a Seminary subject, and the high character of the courses that Dr. Gillespie has conducted for several years would justify the change of his title from "Instructor in Missions" to "Lector in Missions", should your body approve sending this suggestion to the General Synod and that body should concur.

The usual satisfactory servce has been rendered by Mr. H. F. Dietman as Instructor in Music, and by Prof. E. L. Barbour as Instructor in Elocution.

The last session of General Synod granted Prof. Schenck's request for leave of absence and the Faculty rejoices in the spirit of kindness in which the leave was given and in the Professor's successful trip and safe return. It will be remembered that you appointed a committee to take oversight of the temporarily vacated chair. The fact of this appointmen was overlooked in your report to General Synod and this body directed the other members of the Faculty to conduct the homiletic practice in the several classes usually conducted by Prof. Schenck. This was all, and the Faculty found that a considerable number of hours belonging to the Professor's department would be unfilled. We therefore ventured, notwithstanding the "paramount authority" of General Synod, to consult with your committee and with their approval the lecture schedule was so arranged as to permit the classes at the same hour, but separately, to meet a professor for homiletic instruction, or to meet together to hear lectures by experts in different phases of ministerial work. We also secured from the Board of Direction the funds to meet the necessary expense involved. Accordingly Dr. Farrar gave us six hours on the "Junior Congregation"; Rev. W. H. Roocock, three hours on "Religious Education"; Dr. Burrell six hours on "The Preparation of the Sermon"; Drs. Kittell and Tilton, three hours each on "The Pastor", and Dr. Jones three hours on "The Minister in Public Worship". This plan, together with the full number of hours

given by the Professors to homiletic drill "without expense to General Synod" left only three hours of Dr. Schenck's share of the schedule during his absence vacant, and its outcome was decided success.

Professor Berg has assigned to him in the written examinations four hours as over against three to each of the other Professors. In the oral examinations he has twice the time assigned to any other Professor. His two subjects in the class room work occupy nine hours a week, which is the usual professorial share. It is quite possible in his judgment, and in the judgment of his colleagues, for his examinations in the department in which he is professor and in the department in which he is lector, closely interrelated as the subjects are, to be effectively combined in a single examination period of the usual length. We would ask the Board to consider the advisability of authorizing the change in the schedule of examinations which would effect such consolidation of his examinations.

The Faculty shares fully with the General Synod in the feeling that the historic position of the Reformed Church in America relative to the high standard of education for its ministry should be rigorously be maintained. We are aware of the danger of this high standard and the embarassment created for General Synod, caused by efforts to secure dispensations from the constitutional requirements as to preparation for licensure and ordination. In our own experience we have become very familiar with some phases of this question and have become convinced that there is a possible remedy in some cases at least. It has been customary for a student desiring a dispensation to postpone making request for it until the end of the Seminary course Meanwhile he omits that part of the required curriculum involved. In such cases the Faculty has refused to take responsibility for the omission since the power of granting dispensations rests with the General Synod alone. The student, therefore, runs the risk of having his dispensation refused after his Seminary course is finished and the General Synod has no alternative except either to grant the dispensation, whether justified or not, or to send the applicant back for a four year course of preparation. The natural dislike of the latter course might sometime influence the General Synod to grant a dispensation which it does not altogether approve. The Faculty feels that the situation would be greatly improved if the applicant for a dispensation were required to present his application through the Classis to the first meeting of the General Synod after his need of a dispensation is known. In this case if a member of the Junior Class in the Seminary feels that he has adequate cause for asking a dispensation from part of the Seminary curriculum, the matter would be decided by the General Synod at the end of his Junior year. If the General Synod denied the application, it might not be too late for the student to make up the omitted portion of his Junior work, and if the Synod granted the application, the student would have the authority of Synod for the omission during the two remaining years, instead of being in the awkward position of making the omission on his own responsibility hope to secure the approval of the Synod when it is too late to rectify it. The Faculty respectfully requests the Board of Superintendents to transmit our views in this matter to the General Synod.

All the students in the several classes are recommended for examination.

For the Faculty,
J. P. Searle.

This report was received and referred to the Committee on the Professors' Report

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SEMINARY GROUNDS AND PROPERTY.

This report was read by President Searle. It was received and referred to the Committee on Seminary Grounds and Property, and ordered transmitted to the General Synod.

ART. VII. EXAMINATIONS.

The Committee on Written Examinations would respectfully report that the examinations in the different rooms took place according to the printed schedule and were conducted by the Professors and attended by the sub-committees who examined the papers. Your committee takes pleasure in reporting that the examinations were in general well sustained testifying to the diligence and earnestness of the students in their work, and the careful and faithful guidance of the Professors.

As the result of the examinations your committee would recommend, should the oral examinations prove satisfactory, that the members of the Senior Class be granted Certificates of Graduation,- except Mr. Hamory who shall be given by the Professors a certificate of work done. That the students of the Middle Class be promoted to the Senior Class, except Mr. Mulder who has not completed the work of the Middle Year by reason of the arrangement with the Faculty by which he is expecting to bring up his Greek and complete the entire course in four years. And that the students of the Junior Class be advanced to the Middle Class, except Mr. Shepard who has been absent from the examinations on account of severe illness. The committee would express sympathy with Mr. Shepard, their earnest desire for his speedy restoration, and recommend that his case be referred to the Committee on the Reception of Students and the Professors for his examination at the Fall meeting.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Charles S. Wright, Chairman.

ORAL EXAMINATIONS.

The members of section one have attended the following examinations: Seniors in Theology, Prof. Searle; Middlers in New Testament Greek, Prof. Berg; Juniors in Homiletics, Prof. Schenck; Seniors in Hebrew, Prof. Raven; Middlers in Biblical Theology, Prof. Berg; and Juniors in Inter-Testament History, Prof. Johnson. All these examinations have been sustained by the vote of the section.

J. Addison Jones, Chairman.

The second section hereby expresses its satisfaction concerning the oral examinations, and while commending the Professors also congratulate the young men on their excellent showing.

G. M. Conover, Chairman.

The members of section three would report the following: They attended the examinations of the Juniors with Prof. Berg in Greek; the Seniors with Prof. Schenck; the Middlers with Prof. Searle; the Juniors with Prof. Berg in Biblical Theology; the Seniors with Prof. Johnson; the Middlers with Prof. Raven, and while some of these examinations were not altogether satisfactory, would recommend that they be sustained, and the several classes be advanced in the usual order.

C. P. Ditmars, Chairman.

ART. VIII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

COMMITTEE ON THE PROFESSORS' REPORT.

The committee on the Report of the Faculty submit the following recommendations for action of the Board:

1. That the case of Mr. Shepard, whose illness prevented him from taking the examination, be referred to the Committee on Admismission of Students and the Faculty.

2. That the title of Prof. Gillespie be changed from "Instructor in Missions" to "Lector in Missions".

3. That the suggested curtailing of the hours for examination in the subjects of Prof Berg's departments be approved.

4. That the Faculty's views on "dispensations" granted to students be transmitted to General Synod with the approval of the Board.

J. Addison Jones, for the Committee.

All of the recommendations of the Committee were approved, after discussion.

COMMITTEE ON SYNODICAL MINUTES.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes report that they find nothing requiring the action of the Board of Superintendents.

G. G. Seibert, for the Committee.

COMMITTEE ON SYNODICAL REPORT.

The report of this Committee was received and adopted, and ordered transmitted to the General Synod for publication in the Minutes of the General Synod.

C.E. Ditmars
D. L. Betten
G. M. Conover Committee.

COMMITTEE ON SEMINARY GROUNDS AND PROPERTY.

There has been referred to your committee the 48th Report of the Standing Committee on Seminary Grounds and Property. This report will be presented to the General Synod for its action and is read to Board for information. It shows the property interests of the Seminary in excellent condition. There is one part of the report to which your committee would call special attention, viz. the congested condition of the Gardner A. Sage Library. We commend this matter to the consideration of any and all friends of the institution for their generous thought regarding the enlarging of the Library as necessary to the continued efficiency of the general work of the Seminary.

Herman Hageman
John H. Brandow
Wm. Van Orden Committee.

ART. IX. PARTICULARIA.

The hours appointed for the regular sessions of the Board were 2.30 and 7.30 p.m., Wednesday, and 9.00 a.m., Thursday.

The Committee on Seminary Grounds and Property extended an invitation to the members of the Board to be their guests at dinner and supper at Hertzog Hall on Wednesday. The invitation was accepted by a rising vote.

Excuses were received from the Rev. F. B. Seeley and the Rev. Martin Flipse. They were excused for non-attendance.

The presence of the Rev. Clifford P. Case from the Classis of Poughkeepsie was recognized. Inasmuch as his nomination had not yet been confirmed by the General Synod, he was invited to sit with the Board, having a voice in its deliberations, but not the privilege of voting. After expressing his opinion that Mr. Case should have the privilege of voting also, Mr. Wright requested that his dissenting vote on the resolution adopted should be recorded.

On motion a vote of thanks was unanimously extended to the President and Trustees of Rutgers College for generously giving the use of Kirkpatrick Chapel for the Seminary Commencement Exercises.

It was resolved that the Board request the Alumni Association to hold the collation at 1.30 instead of 2.00 o'clock.

The President of the Board, Rev. Ferdinand S. Wilson, was elected to make the address to the students on behalf of the Board at the commencement exercises in 1915. The Rev. J. Addison Jones, D.D. was appointed secundus.

On motion it was requested that the President of the Board preside at the commencement exercises, and that the Alumni Association orator be introduced by the President of that association.

A committee consisting of W. J. Leggett, Ph.D., J. Addison Jones, D.D., and W. H. S. Demarest, D.D. was appointed to confer with the Faculty and report to the Board next year some new method for conducting the oral examinations.

A bill from J. Heidingsfeld amounting to $4.50, for printing the examination schedules; the salary of the stated clerk; and any other bills connected with the meeting of the Board, were ordered paid.

It was resolved that the Board require the members of the Senior and Middle classes to present sermons for examination in a neat and legible form, and that the Professor of Homiletics be notified of this action.

It was further resolved that the members of the Board who examine these sermons be requested to comment upon them in writing for the benefit of the author.

At the Wednesday night session each member of the Senior Class gave a synopsis and a portion of a sermon, under the direction of Professor Schenck, and was examined in personal piety and views on entering the ministry. These examinations were all sustained.

It was resolved that the members of the Senior Class be given certificates of graduation, and that the members of the Middle and Junior classes be advanced, with the exceptions already noted.

The members of the Faculty were received at 10.00 a.m. on Thursday. The President expressed the Board's appreciation of their faithful and successful labors during the past year. The President of the Faculty responded for that body. Dr. Schenck expressed his gratitude to the Board and all who had co-operated in making his trip to the Holy Land possible. Others also spoke briefly of matters of detail regarding the oral examinations.

The students, with three exceptions, appeared before the Board at the appointed time. They were addressed by the President with encouraging words and commended to God for His continued grace.

On motion it was decided hereafter to receive the Faculty at 10.00, and the students at 10.30 a.m. on Thursday.

ART X. RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

All of the sessions of the Board were opened and closed with prayer.

The minutes were read and approved. Adjournment was ordered following the graduation exercises.

The Seminary Commencement Exercises were held in Kirkpatrick Chapel at 11.45. The President of the Board presided and offered the invocation. An address on behalf of the Board of Superintendents was delivered by the retiring President, Rev. Herman Hageman. Professor Johnson addressed the graduates on behalf of the Faculty. The orator of the Alumni Association, Rev. L. H. Holden, Ph.D., made the closing address. Special musical selections were rendered by the Seminary Quartet.

Jno. Edward S. Ireland President

Henry W. Brink Temporary Clerk

Jeyer S. Hogan,
Stated Clerk.

The annual meeting of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick was held in the chapel of Hertzog Hall, Wednesday, May 19, 1915.

ARTICLE I. OPENING.

The meeting was called to order by the president, the Rev. Ferdinand S. Wilson, who offered prayer.

ARTICLE II. ROLL CALL.

The following members were present:

Classes	
Albany	Rev. J. Addison Jones, D.D.
Bergen	" Charles W. Gulick
Bergen, South	" F. S. Wilson
Greene	" Samuel T. Clifton, Ph.D.
Hudson	
Kingston	" Wilmer McNair
Long Island, North	" C. D. F. Steinfuhrer, D.D.
Long Island, South	
Monmouth	" Garrett M. Conover
Montgomery	" George G. Seibert
Newark	" A. T. Broek
New Brunswick	" W. H. . Demarest, D.D.
New York	" Edgar Tilton, Jr., D.D.
Orange	" Peter Crispell
Palisades	" Charles S. Wright
Paramus	" John A. Van Nest
Passaic	" T. P. Vernoll
Philadelphia	" C. F. C. Suckow
Poughkeepsie	
Raritan	" R. V. D. Wyckoff
Rensselaer	" Wm. J. Leggett, Ph.D.
Saratoga	" H. F. Hamlin
Schenectady	" C. Peterson Ditmars
Schoharie	" John H. Brandow
Ulster	" Henry W. Brink
Westchester	" Henry De Vries
Particular Synods	
Chicago	Rev. Martin Klipse
Albany	Elder William Van Orden
Albany	
New York	" F. R. Hutton, Sc.D.
New York	
New Brunswick	" Austin Scott, LL.D.
New Brunswick	
Ex-Officio	The President of the Faculty.

ARTICLE III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Rev. J. Addison Jones, D.D., was elected president. The stated clerk was directed to cast the ballot for the Rev. Henry W. Brink for temporary clerk.

ARTICLE IV. READING OF MINUTES AND RULES OF ORDER.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read for information. On motion the reading of the Rules of Order was omitted.

ARTICLE V. STANDING COMMITTEES.

Reception of Students

Rev. W. H. S. Demarest, D.D.	Rev. A. T. Broek
Rev. Charles S. Wright	Elder Austin Scott, LL.D.

Professors' Report
Rev. Wm. J. Leggett, Ph.D. Rev. Henri De Vries
Rev. A. T. Broek

Synodical Minutes
Rev. Peter Crispell Rev. C. F. C. Suckow
Rev. George G. Seibert

Synodical Report
Rev. Samuel T. Clifton, Ph.D. Rev. W. H. S. Demarest, D.D.
Rev. C. Peterson Ditmars

Seminary Grounds and Property
Rev. John H. Brandow Rev. Garrett M. Conover
Rev. T. P. Vernooll

Mid-Winter Examinations
Rev. W. H. S. Demarest, D.D. Elder Austin Scott, LL.D.
Rev. P. V. D. Wyckoff

Written Examinations
Rev. Charles S. Wright Rev. C. P. Ditmars
Rev. C. D. F. Steinfuhrer, D.D. Rev. Edgar Tilton, Jr., D.D.
Rev. W. J. Leggett, Ph.D. Rev. Henri De Vries
Rev. P. V. D. Wyckoff Rev. A. T. Broek
Rev. Herman Hageman Rev. J. A. Jones, D.D.
Rev. T. P. Vernooll Rev. F. S. Wilson

ARTICLE VI. COMMUNICATIONS.

Communications were received from the Classes of Bergen, South Bergen, and Palisades announcing their election of members to the Board, in accordance with privileges granted by the General Synod of 1914.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE RECEPTION OF STUDENTS.

The committee on the reception of students met in Suydam Hall at 11.00 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 23, 1914. Dr. W. H. S. Demarest, the members of the Faculty, and Dr. J. H. Gillespie were present. Dr. Demarest was elected chairman, and Prof Raven, secretary. The meeting opened with prayer by Dr. Gillespie.

The following students presented themselves for admission to the Junior Class:

1. Frank De Witt Blanchard, Paterson, N. J., A.B. (Rutgers 1914) member of the Broadway Church of Paterson.

2. Charles Arlington Hallenbeck, Greendale, N. Y., A.B. (Rutgers 1914), member of the Greenport Reformed Church.

3. Howard Kanter, New York City. Took special studdes for two years at Rutgers College. Member of the Middle Collegiate Church, New York City.

4. John Ernest Mertz, Durham, Pa., A.B. (Ursinus 1914), member of the Trinity Reformed Church, Plainfield, N. J.

5. George Moore, Jr., Pottersville, N. J. Took special studies two years at Rutgers College. Member of the Pottersville Reformed Church.

6. Cornelius Bartel Muste, Grand Rapids, Mich., A.B. (Hope 1914). Member of the Second Reformed Church of New Brunswick, N. J.

7. John James Van Strien, Grand Rapids, Mich,, A.B. (Hope 1914). Member of the First Reformed Church of New Brunswick, N. J.

8. Herbert Emmet Van Wranken, Schenectady, N. Y., A.B. (Hope 1914). Member of the Second Reformed Church of Schenectady, N.Y.

Those having college diplomas presented them and all brought certificates of church membership except a few who supplied this omission later.

They were all examined as to their religious experience and

their purpose in desiring to enter the ministry. After the examination all were admitted to the Junior Class, subject to the ability of those without full college course to maintain themselves.

The new students were then addressed by the chairman, and commended to God in prayer by Prof. Schenck.

It was resolved that the Faculty be authorized to receive any applicants who present themselves later.

Mr. Thomas Adams, a member of the South Reformed Church of Brooklyn, who took the regular classical course at Lafayette College for three years, also presented himself for admission to the Junior Class. He presented a certificate of church membership, but no credentials from Lafayette College and it appeared that he still had certain deficiencies, both financial and scholastic, in relation to that institution. It was therefore resolved that action on his application be deferred pending the reception of information from Lafayette College and the Board of Education, and that meanwhile he be admitted to the Junior Class as a guest. This information was later secured by the Faculty; the financial obligations of Mr. Adams to Lafayette College were paid, and he was admitted by the Faculty to the Junior Class with the advice that he take the necessary examinations to complete his Junior year at Lafayette College next June.

The committee then adjourned with prayer.

John H. Raven, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MID-WINTER EXAMINATIONS.

The Committee on Mid-Winter Examinations report that the examinations were held at the appointed time and were, in general, satisfactorily sustained. One student was absent on account of illness; special arrangements were made for his later examinations which were passed by him at the appointed time. Seven students were required to take a re-examination in certain subjects. These re-examinations were subsequently taken and sustained.

W. n. S. Demarest, Chairman.

THE REPORT OF THE FACULTY.

To the Board of Superintendents:

The Faculty of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., respectfully presents the following report:

The following students have been in attendance:

Post Graduates

Rev. Leslie L. Hand, M.D., (Univ. Penn. 1891)
Pastor of the M. E. Church, Milltown, N. J.
Rev. Isaac Sperling, Rutgers College, N. B. Seminary,
Pastor the Reformed Church, South Branch, N. J.

Senior Class

Walter Sax Bloom — Anthony Luidens
Henry Wilmer Hotaling — Henry Moeller Prentiss
James Claude Thomson

Middle Class

Gerritt De Motts — Harold William Schenck
Cornelius De Young — George Benjamin Scholten
James Mulder — Homer Lewis Sheffer
Marinus John Den Herder — Chauncey Newcomb Stevens
John Henry Stowits Putnam — Lyman Alfred Talman
Eldred Cornelius Vanderlaan

Junior Class

Thomas Adams — John Ernest Mertz
Henry Arjen Bilkert — George Moore, Jr.
Frank De Witt Blanchard — Cornelius Bartel Muste
Charles Arlington Hallenbeck — Nicholas Sikkie Sichterman
Howard Kanter — John James Van Strien
Herbert Emmett Van Vranken

Mr. Bilkert and Mr. Sichterman were received on Jan. 8th, 1915, by certificate from Princeton Theological Seminary.

Mr. Mulder is completing his full course as described in last year's report.

Mr. Shepard of last year's Junior Class has been obliged to give up his Theological studies on account of ill health.

Mr. Luidens of the Senior Class and Mr. Van Derlaan of the Middle Class still hold the Augustus Sandham Scholarship. The appointment of the Junior Class awaits upon the examination now being conducted by you.

Mr. Thomson has been appointed by the Board of Education to the Van Schaick Scholarship for the coming year.

Messrs. Putnam and Sheffer having asked from the General Synod a dispensation from the study of Hebrew have pursued a course in exegesis in the English version of the Old Testament with Dr. Raven.

Mr. Thomson of the Senior Class who had a like experience last year has this year taken the full course in Hebrew, and has also made up the Middle year course in that language.

Mr. Schenck of the Middle Class broke his leg on the 6th inst. We request that we be authorized to give him his examination at the earliest opportunity.

Mr. Bloom of the Senior Class has been awarded the Rev. Edward Lodewick prize for preaching.

It is eminently desired that the services of Dr. Gillespie as Instructor in Greek be retained. In addition the Faculty feels that the importance of Missions as a Seminary subject and the high character of the courses that Dr. Gillespie has conducted for several years would justify the change of his title from "Instructor in Missions" to "Lector in Missions", should your body approve sending this suggestion to the General Synod and that body concur.

The Laidlie Fund has published a special Laidlie edition of 300 copies of "The Oratory and Poetry of the Bible" by Prof. Schenck for distribution among the present and future Seminary students.

The student body have placed in our hands for transmission to you, and through you to General Synod, if you shall approve the process, a memorial which accompanies this report. Our comments thereon we beg leave to present also in a separate communication, and through you to the General Synod if the student document shall be forwarded to that body.

We respectfully request the General Synod through your Board that the Professors of the departments in which theses are required be given the option of reading them in private or having them read before the class.

President Searle represented the Seminary at the conference of Theological Seminary Teachers with the Board of Missionary Preparation held in New York City last January.

Professor Jonnson by appointment of the Faculty, and two students, by appointment of the student body, attended on invitation the conference of students and professors of the Theological Seminaries of the Eastern States at Drew Seminary for three days in February and March.

Dr. J. Douglas Adam of the Hartford Theological Seminary gave an address on Prayer to our students following that conference by invitation of the Faculty.

The Graves Lecturer on Missions this year was Rev. Dr. J. P. Jones of the Kennedy School of Missions. He gave six lectures on "The Religions of India", their History and Present Conditions.

The Lecturer on the Christian Ministry was Rev. Dr. R. H. Potter, Pastor of the Congregational Church, Hartford, Conn. He gave three lectures on "The Church, its Work, its Worship, and its Cost".

Rev. Stuart Roussel of the Reformed Church in France gave a lecture on the Human Elements in Regeneration.

Dr. Henry L. Southwick, President of the Emerson College of Oratory, Boston, Mass., gave a week of instruction in Pulpit Oratory.

The usual satisfactory service was rendered by Mr. A. F.

Dietman of Brooklyn, N. Y., as instructor in Voice Culture and by Prof E. L. Barbour of Rutgers College in the Art of Expression.

The Missionary Conference with the students was held early in April.

All of the students of all of the classes are recommended for examination.

For the Faculty,
F. S. Schenck.

STUDENT MEMORIAL.

A MEMORIAL TO THE GENERAL SYNOD
OF THE
REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA.

At a meeting of the student body of the New Brunswick Theological Seminary, held October 27, 1913, it was unanimously voted to petition the General Synod for a change in the curriculum, to the effect that Hebrew be made an optional subject for all students during the Middle and Senior years, with alternative courses in Old Testament exegesis in English. By some oversight, the matter was not brought to the attention of Synod at the meeting of 1914, and it was accordingly decided that said petition should again be drawn up and presented to the Synod of 1915.

Therefore we, the student body of the Seminary, express our earnest desire that this change may be made. We base our petition on the following reasons, which we believe are of great moment.

First of all, because the study of Hebrew requires a disproportionate share of the faithful student's time. Especially is this true of the student who is not apt in language study by nature. It is scarcely necessary to call the attention of men who have been through the Seminary, to the fact that by far the greatest drain upon our available time is occasioned by the study of Hebrew. It is surely needless to call the attention of men in the active ministry to the increased needs, opportunities and problems which press upon the church today. It is our desire as consecrated men to meet in the wisest manner all the obligations which will devolve upon us as christian ministers, and for every problem to present the truly christian solution. We are firmly convinced that our efficiency in such service will be greatly increased if we can devote the time now required in the Middle and Senior years for Hebrew, to the study of English exegesis and other subjects, However proficient we may become in the original languages, still the basis of our knowledge of the Bible, which we apply in our efforts to reach men, must be a faithful study of the English versions.

Our second reason is the fact that no matter how much time the average student spends upon his Hebrew, still he never gains a scholar's equipment in it within the three years of his Seminary course. He must depend, for exact exegesis, upon the critical commentary. A working knowledge of Hebrew sufficient for such an effective use of the commentary has been gained during the Junior year. So far as the actual knowledge of the Hebrew alone is concerned, few if any students are better able to use a critical commentary at the end of the Seminary course than at the completion of the Junior year. On the other hand, those students whose efficiency in this respect would be increased by further study of the language, might reasonably be expected, both from natural inclination and upon competent advice, to elect Hebrew under the optional system. Granting this, is it not unwise to require all students to pursue courses which in most cases will contribute but little to their future effectiveness in meeting the needs of their fellow men?

Our third reason is the extent of the actual use made of Hebrew made by the active ministry at large. We need say little concerning this. It is the almost unanimous testimony of ministers with whom we come in contact, that they use their Hebrew very, very little in their work; and further that the knowledge they possessed at the

end of the Junior year was sufficient for such use of the language as they have found of value. In view of these facts we feel assured that by giving our time to a thorough mastery of English exegesis, a better equipment for the active ministry would be gained.

Surely the choice between Hebrew and alternative subjects could be left for decision to an earnest student guided by the advice of wise men on a Faculty with which he has been intimately associated for a year.

At the meeting of 1914, Synod provided that a student who has special reason for seeking exemption from some part of the Seminary curriculum, shall secure such exemption as soon as his need of it becomes known. We appreciate the fact that such a student is relieved of the danger of ultimate refusal of a dispensation. Yet we feel that it would be ajuster arrangement if, without recourse to special action of the Synod in each case, courses of study alternative to Hebrew were made accessible to all students desiring them, after the Junior year.

Because of these facts, we believe that we are justified in presenting this petition to your honorable body. We are convinced of your deep devotion to every interest of the Church to which we also have dedicated our lives; and we hope for favorable action in regard to this our sincere and earnest petition. It is, we trust, born of our heartfelt desire to become the most efficient workmen possible in the service of our Divine Master.

Respectfully submitted,
Signed on behalf of the student body,
Walter S. Bloom, President of the Society of Inquiry.
Eldred C. Vanderlaan,
Chairman of the Committee.

FACULTY COMMENT ON THE STUDENT MEMORIAL.

To the Board of Superintendents:

We draw attention to the accompanying petition of the student body which has been presented to the Faculty to be transmitted to the General Synod through your body. The Faculty believes that it should be so transmitted if your judgment concurs. This, however, does not commit the Faculty to any agreement with the idea of the petition. On the contrary we respectfully present the following objections to the granting of the students request:

1. We are convinced that candidates would not be prepared properly for their classical examinations in Hebrew as required by the Constitution if they had studied that language for the two years previous to the examinations.
2. The proposed change would so increase the number of Old Testament hours that one professor could not take them all.

The Faculty is not unwilling with the consent of the Professor to reduce the number of hours in the Old Testament Department and increase those in others, thereby meeting in part the purpose of the petition. The Professor in the Old Testament Department desires to be heard before the Board and before the General Synod when the matter is discussed. In this desire the Faculty concurs.

May 12, 1915.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SEMINARY GROUNDS AND PROPERTY

The President of the Faculty read this report, which was received and referred to the Committee on Seminary Grounds and Property, and ordered to be forwarded to the General Synod.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

A committee consisting of the Revs. Isaac W. Gowen, D.D., A. T. Broek, and Henry Lockwood was present, and through their

chairman called attention to the action of the Particular Synod of New Brunswick (see Minutes of the Par. Synod of N.B., 1915, p.55), relative to "the conditions and needs of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J." On motion the committee of the Particular Synod was received, and after a discussion of the subject the matter was referred to a special committee composed of Dr. Scott, Dr. Leggett, Mr. Crispell, Mr. Suckow, and Prof. Hutton.

ARTICLE VII. EXAMINATIONS.

WRITTEN EXAMINATIONS.

The Committee on Written Examinations would report as follows: Sub-committees were appointed and examinations conducted in accordance with the printed schedule. The reports as a whole are cheerful and gratifying, showing faithful instruction and diligent study.

We present reports from the different departments:

The committee in Dr. Searle's room reports their approval of the senior papers, also the papers of the middle class. The juniors' papers are approved with slight deficiencies in the cases of three students, who are to be granted another examination by Dr. Searle, the approval of whose papers is conditioned on that examination.

The papers in the rooms of Dr. Schenck, Dr. Raven, Dr. Johnson, and Dr. Berg all received the commendation of the committees examining them.

In Dr. Gillespie's room all the papers were satisfactory in so far as they were complete. One student neglected to submit any answer on Textual Criticism. The attention of Prof. Gillespie will be called to this and the student granted another examination.

The chairman of the committee was requested to inform the Board of Superintendents that owing to an unfortunate accident Mr. Harold W. Schenck is in the hospital and permission is hereby asked of the Board of Superintendents that he be given an examination at the mutual convenience of Mr. Schenck and the members of the Faculty; which examination, if sustained to the satisfaction of the professors, shall advance him to the next grade with his classmates. The committee sent a resolution of sympathy to Mr. Schenck through the President of the Faculty.

We therefore recommend that the examinations be approved, with the exceptions noted by the sub-committees, and that the professors shall call the attention of the students to the deficiencies, and that the students shall be advanced in grade, in so far as these examinations are concerned, when these are made up to the satisfaction of the professors. Charles S. Wright, Chairman.

ORAL EXAMINATIONS.

Section one appointed to superintend the oral examinations of the different classes would respectfully report, that they superintended the examinations in the rooms of the different professors and that they unanimously approve the examinations held in their presence, and in so far as the oral examinations are concerned would respectfully recommend the Senior Class for certificates and the other classes for advancement. C. D. F. Steinfuhrer, Chairman.

Your committee on oral examinations, section two, respectfully report that they were present at the examinations of the Senior, Middle and Junior Classes and unanimously concur in recommending the Junior and Middle Classes, in so far as this report may extend, be advanced, and that the Senior Class be presented their certificates.

T. P. Vernooll, Chairman.

The members of the third section of the committee on oral examinations beg leave to report that they have attended the examination of the Junior Class in Greek, Practical Theology and Biblical Theology; of the Middlers in Hebrew; of the Seniors in Church History, and that all the examinations were sustained in a satisfactory manner.

H. F. Hamlin, Chairman.

ARTICLE VIII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

COMMITTEE OF THE PROFESSORS' REPORT.

Your Committee on the Professors' Report submit the following

We have read with interest the Report of the Faculty of the Theological Seminary, and recommend the following requests be approved:

1. That Mr. Schenck of the Middle Class, who is now in the hospital, be permitted to take his examinations at the earliest opportunity.

2. That the services of Dr. Gillespie as instructor in Greek be retained.

3. That General Synod be asked to change the title of Dr. Gillespie from "Instructor in Missions" to "Lector in Missions".

4. That General Synod be requested to give the option to Professors to have theses read before the class,or not, in order to save time for instruction.

We are also pleased to learn that 300 copies of Dr. Schenck's book entitled "Oratory and Poetry of the Bible" have been published by the Laidlie Fund, for distribution among students present and future.

To your committee has been referred a memorial from the students of the Seminary. We note that this memmorial is not addressed to the Board, but to the General Synod. We assume, however, that it was in the mind of the petitioners that this memorial should be brought to the attention of the Board, and if favorably acted upon should be sent with their endorsement to the General Synod.

The Board finds itself unable to concur in the desire of the petitioners. While we are always pleased to welcome suggestions from the student body, tending to increase the efficiency of the Seminary, we question very seriously - and we say this kindly - whether any who have not yet completed the course of study prescribed by the General Synod for a prospective minister of the Gospel, is able adequately to judge of its merits. The reasons advanced by the petitioners do not seem sufficient to warrant the proposed change. We are not ready to concede that the study of Hebrew requires a disproportionate share of the faithful student's time, or that this study precludes proper attention being given to other subjects. That one is unable in many cases to gain a scholar's equipment of this language in three years course, is readily conceded. But we are reminded that these same objections can be made against any course of study in law school, medical college, or theological seminary. The value of such a course, however, even though not followed up, must be recognized.

The Board is not unmindful of the fact that in some Seminaries Hebrew has been made an elective study. Believing, however, that the Reformed Church in America has always placed peculiar emphasis upon a thoroughly educated ministry, we are strong in our conviction that we interpret the mind of the denomination when we affirm that Hebrew should not be made an elective study in the Middle and Senior years in any Seminary of our church. And we are equally firm in declaring that the General Synod would not consent to the change proposed in the memorial of the petitioners.

We also note that the Faculty of the Seminary does not view the proposed change with favor. On the contrary serious objections are raised. We are pleased, however, to note that the Faculty is not unwilling, with the consent of the Professor in charge of the Department of Hebrew, to reduce the number of hours in the Middle and Senior years, thereby meeting in part the purpose of the petition. We believe that this is the best solution.

We therefore recommend that while we do not endorse the purpose of the memorial we however, in compliance with the request of the students, forward it to the General Synod together with the attached "Comment of the Faculty", and the judgment of the Board.

Wm. J. Leggett
Albertus T. Broek
Henri de Vries Committee.

The report of the Committee on the Professors' Report was accepted and unanimously adopted.

COMMITTEE ON SYNODICAL MINUTES.

The committee reported that they find nothing in the Minutes of the General Synod of 1914 to which the attention of the Board should be called.

Peter Crispell, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON SYNODICAL REPORT.

The report of this committee was accepted and approved, and ordered transmitted to the General Synod, and will be found published in full in the Minutes of the General Synod of 1915.

Samuel T. Clifton, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON SEMINARY GROUNDS AND PROPERTY.

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., in transmitting the report of the Standing Committee on Seminary Grounds and Property to the General Synod would specially call the attention of that Reverend Body to the congested condition of the Sage Library, its crying need for more room in which to house its books, thousands of which are now inaccessible through lack of space.

Moreover, it would respectfully suggest to the General Synod that, if in its wisdom it can see its way clear to do so, it commission some one man or body of men, to set about raising the money required to build and equip an addition to said Library of a size sufficient, not alone for present needs, but for a score or more of years to come.

If the General Synod appoints such a committee we would respectfully suggest to it that it look up the methods used by the Presbyterian Church in raising funds for erecting the Witherspoon Building in Philadelphia and the Library connected with the Pittsburg Theological Seminary.

John H. Brandow
Garrett M. Conover
Thomas P. Vernoll Committee.

The report was received and the recommendations were adopted.

ARTICLE IX. PARTICULARIA.

The hours of the business meetings of the Board were fixed for 4.30 and 7.30 on Wednesday, and 9.30 a.m. on Thursday.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ORAL EXAMINATIONS

Your committee appointed last year to recommend some change in the oral examinations of the students, submit the following report:

While some Theological Seminaries do not have oral examinations, your committee consider them important under our system, in order that all the members of the Board may have personal evidence of the qualifications of the students.

In order that these examinations may be more satisfactory, we recommend:-

1. That more of the questions in the oral examinations be asked by the members of the Board, with the approval of the Professor.

2. To carry out this plan we recommend that the Board at its annual meeting each year appoint two of its members for each oral examination for the following year, to be prepared with questions on the subjects to be covered by those examinations, and the other members of the Board to ask questions as they desire.

3. We recommend that 45 minutes instead of 30 minutes be allowed for each oral examination, and to do this suggest the following program for Wednesday:

9.30 a.m. meeting of the committee on written examinations;

10.00 to 11.30 meeting of the Board;
11.30 to 1.00 oral examinations;
2.30 to 5.30 oral examinations;
5.30 to 6.30 meeting of the Board;
7.30 meeting of the Board to hear the seniors preach and to be questioned on personal religion and views in desiring the ministry.

Wm. J. Leggett
J. Addison Jones
W. H. S. Demarest Committee.

The report was adopted, and the President of the Board was empowered to make the necessary appointments for the examinations. The list of appointees will be appended to the minutes.

The announcement of the death of Mr. Albert L. Force, a member of the Board from the Particular Synod of New Brunswick, was made and sympathy expressed to the members of his family through the President of the Faculty.

The Rev. Herman Hageman was excused from all of the sessions on account of illness, and Prof. Hutton was excused from the morning sessions.

An invitation from the Standing Committee on Seminary Grounds and Property to be their guests at dinner and supper in the dining hall of Hertzog Hall was accepted by a rising vote. The stated clerk was directed to convey the thanks of the Board to the Committee for their considerate hospitality.

A bill of $4.50 for the printing of the examination schedule, a bill for $42.00 for the traveling expenses of the member of the Board from the Particular Synod of Chicago; and a bill for $25.00 for the salary of the stated clerk of the Board, were ordered paid.

The members of the Senior Class appeared before the Board at the Wednesday night session. Under the direction of the Professor of Homiletics, each student gave an outline and a portion of his sermon. They were also examined on the subject of personal religion and views in desiring the ministry. These examinations were sustained in a most commendable manner.

Sermons were presented by the members of the Senior and Middle Classes for the inspection of the Board. The most of these were duly reported upon and returned. The method of examining these sermons has proven so unsatisfactory that it was RESOLVED that a special committee be appointed to report at the next annual meeting of the Board some plan for the more expeditious and careful examination of and report on the sermons submitted by the members of the Senior and Middle Classes. Revs. R. V. D. Wuckoff, J. H. Prandow, and Charles S. Wright were appointed such a committee.

On motion a vote of thanks was extended to the President and Trustees of Rutgers College for the use of Kirkpatrick Chapel for the Commencement Exercises of the Seminary.

The Rev. J. Addison Jones, D.D., was elected to address the graduating class next year on behalf of the Board. The Rev. Peter Crispell was chosen as his secundus.

At 10.15 Thursday morning the members of the Faculty were received. The hearty commendation of their work by the Board was fittingly expressed by the president. The response was made by the President of the Faculty.

The students appeared before the Board at 10.30, and were also addressed by its president. It was resolved that the closing sentences of the impressive address, in which loyalty to the Seminary was urged, be printed in the Christian Intelligencer. Prayer was offered by the Rev. Charles W. Gulick.

ARTICLE X. RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

All of the sessions of the Board were opened and closed with prayer.

The minutes were read and approved.

ARTICLE XI. ADJOURNMENT. May 1915.

Adjournment was ordered at the conclusion of the graduation exercises.

The Commencement Exercises were held in Kirkpatrick Chapel Thursday, May 20, 1915, at 11.45 a.m. The President of the Board presided, offered the invocation, and read the scripture lesson. The Rev. J. F. Berry, D.D., made the address on behalf of the Faculty and presented the certificates to the graduates. The address on behalf of the Board of Superintendents was delivered by the retiring president, the Rev. Ferdinand S. Wilson. The alumni oration was delivered by the Rev. F. F. Shannon, who was introduced by the Rev. H. M. Cox, the president of the Alumni Association. The closing prayer was offered by the President of the Faculty.

J. Addison Jones President

Henry W. Brink Temporary clerk

Jasper S. Hogan, Stated Clerk.

The annual meeting of the Board of Superintendents of the New Brunswick Theological Seminary was held in the chapel of Hertzog Hall, Wednesday, May 17, 1916, at 10.00 A.M. In the absence of the President, Rev. J. Addison Jones, D.D., who was detained by a funeral service, the Stated Clerk called the meeting to order.

ARTICLE I. OPENING.

The opening prayer was offered by Dr. Demarest. Dr. Austin Scott was elected chairman.

ARTICLE II. ROLL CALL.

The following members were present:

CLASSES	
Albany	Rev. J. Addison Jones, D.D.
Bergen	
Bergen, South	" F. S. Wilson
Greene	" Samuel T. Clifton, Ph.D.
Hudson	" Herman Hageman
Kingston	" Henry D. Frost
Long Island, North	" C. D. F. Steinfuhrer, D.D.
Long Island, South	" James M. Farrar, D.D.
Monmouth	" Garrett M. Conover
Montgomery	" George J. Seibert
Newark	" A. T. Broek
New Brunswick	" N. H. S. Demarest, D.D.
New York	" Edgar Tilton, Jr., D.D.
Orange	" Peter Crispell
Palisades	" Charles S. Wright
Paramus	" John A. Van Neste
Passaic	" T. P. Vernoll
Philadelphia	
Poughkeepsie	" Clifford P. Case
Raritan	" R. V. D. Wyckoff
Rensselaer	" Wm. J. Leggett, Ph.D.
Rochester	" D. I. Petten
Saratoga	" H. F. Hamlin
Schenectady	" C. Peterson Ditmars
Schoharie	
Ulster	" Henry W. Brink
Westchester	" Henri De Vries
PARTICULAR SYNODS	
Chicago	Rev. Martin Flipse
Albany	
Albany	
New York	Elder F. R. Hutton, Sc.D.
New York	
New Brunswick	
New Brunswick	Elder Austin Scott, LL.D.
Ex-Officio	The President of the Faculty

ARTICLE III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Rev. John A. Van Neste was elected President. On motion the Stated Clerk was instructed to cast the ballot for the Rev. Henry W. Brink for Temporary Clerk.

ARTICLE IV. READING OF MINUTES AND RULES OF ORDER.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read for information. The reading of the Rules of Order was omitted.

ARTICLE V. STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President's appointment of the following committees was confirmed.

Reception of Students

Rev. W. H. S. Demarest, D.D.
Rev. Charles S. Wright
Rev. A. T. Broek
Elder Austin Scott, LL.D.

Professors' Report

Rev. Edgar Tilton, Jr., D.D.
Rev. Clifford P. Case
Rev. T. P. Vernoll

Synodical Minutes

Rev. Peter Crispell
Rev. G. M. Conover
Rev. C. P. Ditmars

Synodical Report

Rev. T. J. Leggett, Ph.D.
Rev. H. V. Brink
Rev. D. L. Petten

Seminary Grounds and Property

Rev. J. M. Farrar, D.D.
Rev. Martin Flipse
Rev. G. G. Seibert

Mid-Winter Examinations

Rev. W. H. S. Demarest, D.D.
Elder Austin Scott, LL.D.
Rev. Charles S. Wright

Written Examinations

Rev. Charles S. Wright
Rev. C. D. F. Steinfuhrer, D.D.
Rev. T. J. Leggett, Ph.D.
Rev. J. A. Jones, D.D.
Rev. Herman Hageman
Rev. T. P. Vernoll
Rev. C. P. Ditmars
Rev. Edgar Tilton, Jr., D.D.
Rev. Henri De Vries
Rev. A. T. Broek
Rev. F. S. Wilson
Rev. H. V. Brink

ARTICLE VI. COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from the Stated Clerk of the Classis of Palisades calling attention to the omission of the name of their duly elected member of the Board from the records of the General Synod and the Catalogue of the Theological Seminary. This communication was referred to the Committee on Synodical Report.

A communication was received from the Stated Clerk of the Classis of Kingston announcing the election of the Rev. Henry D. Frost as a member of the Board of Superintendents to fill the unexpired term of the Rev. Wilmer MacNair, who has removed from the bounds of the Classis. On motion Mr. Frost was received as a member of the Board until he can be duly elected by the General Synod.

SPECIAL COMMITTE ON THE EXAMINATION OF SERMONS.

The special committee appointed to report some plan for the more expeditious and careful examination of, and report on, the sermons submitted by the members of the Senior and Middle Classes recommend the following:

1st. That a special committee of two be appointed each year by the President of the Board, whose duty it shall be to take charge of the sermons when presented by the Professor of Homiletics, and distribute them to the members of the Board as early on the first day of the meeting of the Board as possible.

2nd. That this committee shall make a list of those to whom the

sermons are given, and shall see that they are properly returned to them, and also reported on before the Board.

3rd. That these reports shall be heard by the Board immediately after the opening session on Thursday morning.

P. V. D. Wyckoff
J. H. Brandow
Chas. S. Wright Committee

After being considered seriatim, the report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE RECEPTION OF STUDENTS.

The Committee on the Reception of Students met in Suydam Hall at 11.00 A.M., Wednesday, Sept. 22, 1915.

Those present were Rev. W. H. S. Demarest, D.D., LL.D., Rev. C. S. Wright, Rev. A. T. Broek, Austin Scott, LL.D., the Faculty, and Lector, Rev. John H. Gillespie, D.D. Dr. Demarest was elected chairman of the committee. Professor J. Frederic Berg, D.D., led in the opening prayer. Professor John M. Raven, D.D., was appointed secretary.

The following students presented themselves for admission to the Junior Class:

1. John Robert Howard, member of the Reformed Church of Highland Park, N. J.

2. Frank Alvin Langwith, A.B. (Rutgers, 1915), member of the Highland Park Reformed Church.

3. Frederick Hull Shield, A.B. (Rutgers, 1915), member of the Highland Park Reformed Church.

4. Harvey Ira Todd, A.B. (Rutgers, 1915), member of the Reformed Church of Hyde Park, N.Y.

5. Andrew Van Antwerpen, member of the Union Reformed Church of Paterson, N. J.

The applicants were then examined individually as to their scholarly fitness for admission to the Seminary, their personal piety, and views in desiring the ministry. All presented certificates of church membership, and those who were college graduates exhibited their diplomas. Messrs Howard and Van Antwerpen who were not graduates of college were received on probation until the meeting of the Committee on Mid-Winter Examinations. Messrs Langwith, Shield, and Todd, were admitted to the Junior Class. The Faculty were authorized to act on any further applications for admission to the Seminary. The applicants were then addressed by the chairman and commended to God in prayer by Rev. A. T. Broek. The meeting then adjourned.

John M. Raven, Secretary.

Pursuant to the authorization of the committee the Faculty later received the following men into the Junior Class:

1. Bradley Jacob Folensbee, A.B. (Rutgers, 1915), member of the Reformed Church of Schoharie, N. Y.

2. Marion Gerard Gosselink, A.B. (Hope, 1915), member of the Second Reformed Church of Pella, Iowa.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MID-WINTER EXAMINATIONS.

Rev. P. V. D. Wyckoff was present with the Faculty, acting as the committee. Messrs Mulder, Sheffer, and Talman of the Senior Class were absent from examinations on account of illness. They were given their examinations later and passed them.

The following men failed in their examinations: Mr. De Motts, a Senior, with Dr. Gillespie; Mr. Adams, a Middler, with Prof. Searle; Mr. Blanchard, a Middler, with Prof. Searle; Mr. Hallenbeck, a Middler, with Profs. Searle and Raven; Mr. Collier, a Junior, with Prof. Raven; Mr. Folensbee, a Junior, with Prof. Raven; Mr. Howard, a Junior, with Prof. Raven. All the men named were given re-examinations, and all passed except Mr. Howard.

May 1916.

THE REPORT OF THE FACULTY.

To the Board of Superintendents, the Faculty of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., respectfully presents the following report for the year ending in May 1916:

The following students have been in attendance during the year:

Alida Van Schaick Post-Graduate Scholar
James Claude Thomson

SENIOR CLASS

Gerritt De Motts
Cornelius De Young
James Mulder
John Henry Stowitts Putnam
Eldred Cornelius Vanderlaan
Harold William Schenck
Homer Lewis Sheffer
Chauncey Newcomb Stevens
Lyman Alfred Talman

MIDDLE CLASS

Thomas Adams
Henry Arden Bilkert
Frank De Witt Blanchard
Charles Arlington Hallenbeck
Herbert Emmett Van Vranken
Howard Kanter
John Ernest Mertz
George Moore, Jr.
Cornelius Bartel Muste

JUNIOR CLASS

John William Porter Collier
Bradley Jacob Folensbee
Marion Gerard Gosselink
John Robert Howard
Joseph De Cross Virgil
Frank Alvin Langwith
Frederic Hull Shield
Harvey Ira Todd
Andrew Everet Van Antwerpen

Messrs Putnam and Sheffer of the Senior Class, having secured from the last General Synod dispensations from the study of Hebrew, have pursued a course in the exegesis of the Old Testament in English with Professor Raven. Mr. Vanderlaan of the Senior Class has been appointed by the Board of Education as the Van Schaick Post-Graduate Scholar for the coming year.

Messrs Collier and Virgil of the Junior Class are ministers of the A.M.E. Zion Church, therefore are not candidates for the usual professorial certificates. The former has taken the entire work of the Junior year, while the latter has pursued only the English branches.

Mr. Vanderlaan is the Augustus Sandham scholar in the Senior Class. That scholarship in the Middle Class has been divided between Mr. Mertz and Mr. Muste. The award of this scholarship in the Junior Class will be determined after the final examinations of this year.

The Rev. Edward Lodewick prize for preaching for this year has been awarded to Mr. Cornelius De Young of the Senior Class.

Messrs Den Herder and Scholten who had successfully completed the work of the Middle year did not return to the Seminary last September, but asked to be transferred to the Western Theological Seminary. Their request was granted. Mr. Van Strien, who had completed the work of the Junior year, asked for a letter of dismissal to the McCormick Theological Seminary. Since Mr. Van Strien had received no aid from the Board of Education, and since he was in good standing in his class, his request was granted. Mr. Sichterman, who had completed the work of the Junior year satisfactorily, requested dismissal to McCormick Theological Seminary. The Faculty learned that he had given a note for his indebtedness to the

Board of Education, but other matters affecting his record came to May 1916.
our attention and we have declined to give him the necessary letter of dismissal. The correspondence in the matter will be submitted to your Board if you so desire.

The services of Rev. John H. Gillespie, D.D., Lector in Missions and Instructor in New Testament Text Criticism, have been given with his accustomed faithfulness and success. We recommend that Dr. Gillespie be continued in this position for another year.

Dr. Henry L. Southwick, of the Emerson College of Oratory in Boston, has lectured on Public Speaking and given a private lesson to each student in the Seminary. Private instruction on this subject has also been given by Professor Edward L. Barbour, P.O., of Rutgers College. This arrangement has been found satisfactory as in former years.

Mr. Herman F. Dietman also has given instruction to the students in Vocal Music. Five lectures on Mohammedanism were given by Rev. Samuel M. Zwemer, D.D., F.R.G.S., on the Graves Foundation. Rev. S. Sherwood Eddy has been selected as the Graves Lecturer for the coming year.

An important course of three lectures on Beginnings of Reformed Worship was delivered by Rev. Professor James I. Good, D.D., D.C. Other lectures have been given by Rev. Harry L. Powlby, Dr. Edward J. Panks, and Dr. Paul Harrison.

A conference was held with the students and Professors for the deepening of the spiritual life at which addresses were made by Rev. J. G. Fagg, D.D., Rev. W.W. Clark, Rev. F. F. Shannon and Professor J. Frederic Berg, D.D.

The usual missionary conference was held and addresses were made by Mrs. Edith H. Allen, Miss Olivia H. Lawrence, Miss Katherine Green, Mrs. J. E. Graham, and Rev. James Cantine, D.D.

The following persons have also spoken before the Society of Inquiry: Rev. Paul G. Leinbach, D.D., Rev. George C. Lennington, Rev. Simon Blocker, and Mr. Philip H. Chadbourne.

Unofficial but definite information has come to us to the effect that the endowment of the Seminary has very recently reached an amount sufficient to support the long hoped-for sixth professorship. Several years ago the General Synod resolved, on the suggestion of your Body and the Faculty in view of conditions then existing, that this professorship should be of the English Bible and Biblical Theology. The lapse of time since this action was taken has brought certain changes. The need of larger work in the English Bible has become greater with the new requirements from students not taking the original Bible languages. The Lectorship in Biblical Theology has been developed to a high efficiency by the professor in a closely coordinated chair. Adequate provision for a professorship in Biblical Theology has been securely promised at some future time. Other subjects have emerged into great prominence in Seminary training, for example, Religious Education, or Pedagogy as it was earlier called, and the History of Religion which could be connected with Apologetics and would then call for an amount of research work impossible for the occupant of any of the existing chairs. In view of these facts, it seems worth while to suggest consideration on your part of the possibility of asking General Synod to reopen the question as to what the new professorship should be, and perhaps to appoint a committee having power, after careful consideration and

conference to decide the work and title of the new chair, and to report their conclusion to the Board of Superintendents before the nomination must be made.

[illegible] recommended for examination.

[illegible] for the Faculty,

John H. Raven.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SEMINARY GROUNDS AND PROPERTY.

[illegible] by the President of the Faculty. It was received, referred to the Committee on Seminary Grounds and Property, and ordered to be transmitted to the General Synod.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE COMMUNICATION FROM THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

The special committee appointed to consider "the conditions and needs of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick" would report that for reasons of weight it has been unable to gather its material and to formulate its recommendations in time for this meeting: it asks therefore that it [illegible] a report of progress only at this time, and be continued to report in greater fulness at a later meeting.

Austin Scott, Chairman.

The report was accepted and the committee continued.

ARTICLE VII. EXAMINATIONS.

WRITTEN EXAMINATIONS.

The Committee on Written Examinations met according to the schedule at 9.30 A.M., May 17th. The members of the Faculty were also present. The reports from the sub-committees assigned to the different rooms were as follows:

In Theology - Seniors all passed. Middlers and Juniors also with the exception of Mr. Collier and Mr. Virgil, special students, who were referred to Professor Searle.

In Hebrew - All the students were commended and passed.

In Church History - Mr. Wilson reported the examinations very satisfactory. The two special students showed faithful work.

In Greek - All of the students passed with the exception of Mr. Hallenbeck, who was conditioned.

In Practical Theology - The committee attended all of the examinations according to schedule. The most of the papers were excellent and all were above the passing grade.

In Biblical Theology - The examinations here are all approved.

In Missions - Mr. Mulder of the Senior Class passed the examination of last year. The other members of the Senior Class on Missions and the examination of all the members of all the classes in Biblical Theology are approved.

The papers presented giving such satisfaction to your committee testifying to the earnestness and diligence of the students and the faithfulness and thoroughness of the Professors, your committe would recommend the students of the Middle and Junior Classes for advancement, in so far as this examination is concerned, with the exception of the re-examinations noted, and that the Seniors be recommended for Professorial Certificates.

Respectfully submitted, Chas. S. Wright, Chairman.

ORAL EXAMINATIONS.

The first section of the Board on Oral Examinations Respectfully report that all the examinations attended by them

were sustained. In only two of the six examinations were members present who had been appointed to ask questions.

Wm. J. Leggett, Chairman.

The chairman of section two of the Oral Examinations would respectfully report that the examinations of the different rooms were sustained.

C. D. F. Steinfurrer, Chairman.

Chairman of section three of the Oral Examinations would respectfully report the pleasure of said committee at the marked excellence of examinations. All are sustained, in the judgment of the committee, and special emphasis be made of the high grade of the same.

Thomas Powell Vernoll, Chairman.

ARTICLE VIII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

COMMITTEE ON THE PROFESSORS' REPORT.

Your Committee on the Professors' Report has examined the said report and notes the good work of the students during the year as also the special opportunities offered through the splendid corps of lecturers provided by the Faculty and the Society of Inquiry.

Your committee records with gratitude that there is now adequate financial provision for the support of a sixth professorship, and recommends:

1st. That General Synod be asked to reopen the question relating to said professorship, as to its title and scope.

2nd. That, if Synod shall accede to this request, it appoint a committee to define the questions involved, said committee to consist of the Nominating Committee of this Board and the members of the Faculty of the Seminary.

3rd. That the Board of Superintendents appoint as its Nominating Committee Rev. W. H. S. Demarest, D.D., LL.D., Rev. J. M. Farrar, D.D., LL.D., Rev. W. J. Leggett, Ph.D., Rev. C. S. Wright, Rev. S. T. Clifton, Ph.D., and the President of the Board, Rev. J. A. Van Weste.

Furthermore, it is recommended that the services of Rev. John H. Gillespie, D.D., as Lector in Missions and Instructor in New Testament Textual Criticism be continued.

Edgar Tilton, Jr., Chairman.

On motion this report was accepted and adopted.

COMMITTEE ON SYNODICAL MINUTES.

Your Committee on Synodical Minutes finds in the Minutes of General Synod nothing requiring the attention of this Board.

Peter Crispell, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON SYNODICAL REPORT.

The report of this committee was received and approved, and the Stated Clerk was directed to forward it to General Synod in whose Minutes of 1916 it will be found printed in full.

COMMITTEE ON SEMINARY GROUNDS AND PROPERTY.

There has been placed in our hands the Report of the Standing Committee on Seminary Grounds and Property with the Treasurer's Report.

We find nothing in the Report of the Standing Committee

requiring definite action on the part of our Board.

The report of the Treasurer has been properly examined and audited by a sub-committee of the Standing Committee on Seminary Grounds and Property.

We recommend that the above named reports be ordered transmitted to General Synod with our approval and endorsement.

[illegible] this report was accepted.

ARTICLE IX. PARTICULARIA.

Dr. Jones was excused from the sessions of the Board on Wednesday. Rev. [illegible] H. Brandow, Rev. C. M. Gulick, and Rev. C. F. C. Buckow accounted for their absence, and on motion were excused from all the sessions of the Board.

The Standing Committee on Seminary Grounds and Property invited the members of the Board to dinner and supper in Hertzog Hall. The invitation was accepted, and the thanks of the Board expressed to the said Committee for their generous entertainment.

It was resolved that the thanks of the Board be conveyed to the President and Trustees of Rutgers College for the use of Kirkpatrick Chapel for the Commencement Exercises of the Seminary.

The motion was regularly passed that the members of the Middle and Junior Classes be advanced, and that the members of the Senior Class be granted Professorial Certificates.

The President of the Board, Rev. John A. Van Neste, was elected to address the graduating class next year, on behalf of the Board. Dr. C. D. F. Steinfuhrer was chosen as his alternate.

The following bills were ordered paid: printing the examination schedules, $3.50; the traveling expense and entertainment of the member of the Board from the Particular Synod of Chicago, $34.00; and the salary of the Stated Clerk of the Board, $25.00.

The special committe for the distribution and examination of sermons, reported that they had been duly placed in the hands of the members of the Board. The sermons of the Seniors and Middlers were favorably reported upon and commended by those who had examined them. The committe consisted of Rev. S. T. Clifton, Ph.D., and Rev. Peter Crispell.

According to the requirement of the Board the Seniors under the direction of the Professor of Homiletics, gave an exercise in preaching, and were examined in personal religion and views in desiring the ministry, at the Wednesday night session.

It was resolved that the committee be instructed to continue the method of conducting the Oral Examinations, which was introduced this year.

The members of the Faculty were received by the Board at 10.00 A.M., Thursday. The President of the Board commended them for the faithful and painstaking work they had done during the year. A fitting response was made by the President of the Faculty.

The students were received at 10.30. They also were addressed by the President of the Board, who announced the result of their examinations and gave them words of counsel and inspiration. Prayer was offered by Dr. Clifton.

ARTICLE X. RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

All the sessions of the Board were opened and closed with prayer.

The minutes were read and approved.

ARTICLE XI. [illegible]. May 1916.

[illegible] was ordered at the conclusion of the graduation exercises.

The Commencement Exercises of the Theological Seminary were held in Kirkpatrick Chapel at 11.45, Thursday morning, and included an address on behlaf of the Board of Superintendents by the retiring President, Rev. J. Addison Jones, D.D., an address on behalf of the Faculty by Professor J. [illegible], and the annual address before the Alumni Association by the Rev. [illegible] Cobb, D.D.

[illegible]

President

[illegible]

Temporary Clerk

James S. Hogan, Stated Clerk.

March 1917.

The Board of Superintendents of the New Brunswick Theological Seminary met in special session in the Reformed Church Building, East 22nd street, New York, on Monday, March 5, 1917, at 11.30 a.m.

ARTICLE I. Opening.

The meeting was called to order by the Stated Clerk, who read a letter from the President, the Rev. J. [illegible]. Van Neste, stating that a funeral service would prevent his attendance.

Dr. J. M. Farrar was elected chairman. The opening prayer was offered by Dr. W. H. S. Demarest.

ARTICLE II. ROLL CALL.

The Following members were present: P. S. Wilson, C. D. F. Steinfuhrer, J. M. Farrar, A. T. Broek, W. H. S. Demarest, C. S. Wright, T. F. Vernoll, and F. F. Hutton.

ARTICLE VI. COMMUNICATIONS.

The following communication from the Stated Clerk of the General Synod was read:

East Millstone, N.J., Feb. 17, 1917.

Rev. J. S. Hogan, L.L.,
Stated Clerk of the Board of Superintendents
of the New Brunswick Theological Seminary.
Dear Dr. Hogan:

This is to notify you that I have this day received from the Rev. Peter Voordyke, L.L., President of General Synod, the written resignation of the Rev. J. Frederic Berg, L.L., as Professor of Hellenistic Greek and New Testament Exegesis, and acting Lector in Biblical Theology, to take effect June 1st, 1917.

Under Section 31 of the Constitution it becomes my duty to inform you that it will be necessary for the Board of Superintendents of the New Brunswick Theological Seminary to make a nomination to General Synod for the above named professorship.

Attest, Henry Lockwood,
Stated Clerk.

ARTICLE IX. PARTICULARLY.

A motion was made, seconded and carried that a committee be appointed to present to the Board, at its regular annual meeting, the name of a competent man whom it would recommend that the Board nominate to the General Synod as a successor to Professor Berg.

It was further resolved that the committee be the same as that named at the last meeting of the Board, and approved by General Synod, with reference to the sixth professorship, viz. W. H. S. Demarest, J. M. Farrar, W. J. Leggett, C. S. Wright, S. T. Clifton, J. A. Jones, and J. A. Van Neste.

It was regularly moved and carried that any bill of expense incurred by the committee in its work of investigation be approved by the Board.

A motion was also passed that the usual remuneration for a special meeting of the Board be ordered for the Stated Clerk.

Excuses were granted J. A. Van Neste, J. A. Jones, G. G. Seibert, J. P. Searle, Edgar Tilton, Jr., Henri De Vries, M. T. Bogert, and A. Page Smith.

ARTICLE X. ASSUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The minutes were read and approved.

After a general discussion of the condition and needs of the Theological Seminary, and the qualifications desirable in the candidates for the two professorships to be filled, the meeting closed with prayer by Elder F. F. Hutton.

Chairman.

Jasper S. Hogan,
Stated Clerk.

May 1917.

The annual meeting of the Board of Superintendents of the New Brunswick Theological Seminary was held in the chapel of Hertzog Hall, Wednesday, May 16, 1917, at 10.00A.M.

ARTICLE I. OPENING.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Rev. J.A. Van Neste, who offered the opening prayer.

ARTICLE II. ROLL CALL.

The following members were present:

CLASSES:	
Albany	Rev. J. Addison Jones, L.D.
Bergen	"
Bergen, South	" F. S. Wilson
Greene	" J. A. Dykstra
Hudson	" Herman Hageman
Kingston	" Henry D. Frost
Long Island, North	C. D. F. Steinfuhrer, D.D.
Long Island, South	
Monmouth	
Montgomery	" G. G. Seibert
Newark	" A. T. Broek
New Brunswick	" W. H. S. Demarest, L.D.
New York	" Edgar Tilton, Jr., L.D.
Orange	" Peter Crispell
Palisades	" Charles S. Wright
Paramus	" J. A. Van Neste
Passaic	" T. P. Vernoll
Philadelphia	" Andrew J. Walter
Poughkeepsie	
Raritan	" Isaac Sperling
Rensselaer	" W. J. Leggett, Ph.D.
Rochester	" D. L. Betten
Saratoga	
Schenectady	C. P. Ditmars
Schoharie	" J. H. Brandow
Ulster	" Henry W. Brink
Westchester	" Henri De Vries

PARTICULAR SYNODS:	
Chicago	Rev. Martin Flipse
Albany	
Albany	Elder William Van Orden
New York	Elder F. R. Hutton, Sc.D.
New York	
New Brunswick	Elder John E. Pratt, M.D.
New Brunswick	Elder Austin Scott, LL.D.
Ex-Officio	The President of the Faculty.

ARTICLE III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Rev. T. P. Vernoll was elected President. On motion the Stated Clerk was directed to cast the ballot for the Rev. H. W. Brink as Temporary Clerk.

ARTICLE IV. READING OF MINUTES AND RULES OF ORDER.

The minutes of the last annual meeting, as well as those of the special meeting on March 5, 1917, were read for information. On motion the reading of the Rules of Order was omitted.

ARTICLE V. APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following standing committees were appointed by the President:

RECEPTION OF STUDENTS

Rev. W. H. S. Demarest, L.D. — Rev. A. T. Broek
Rev. Charles S. Wright — Elder Austin Scott, LL.D.

PROFESSORS' REPORT

Rev. F. S. Wilson — Rev. Martin Flipse
Rev. G. G. Seibert

Rev. A. T. Broek
Rev. H. D. Frost
Rev. J. A. Jones, D.D.

SEMINARY GROUNDS AND PROPERTY

Rev. Peter Crispell
Rev. Henri De Vries
Rev. J. H. Brandow

MID-WINTER EXAMINATIONS

Rev. W. H. S. Demarest, D.D.
Rev. Charles S. Wright
Elder Austin Scott, LL.D.

WRITTEN EXAMINATIONS

Rev. Charles S. Wright
Rev. C. L. Steinfurt, D.D.
Elder F. R. Sutton, Sc.D.
Rev. [illegible] Gulick
Rev. Herman Hageman
Rev. T. P. Vernooij
Rev. C. P. Ditmars
Rev. Edgar Tilton, Jr., D.D.
Rev. Henri De Vries
Rev. A. T. Broek
Rev. F. S. Wilson
Rev. H. W. Brink

EXAMINATION OF SERMONS

Rev. J. H. Brandow
Rev. A. J. Walter

ARTICLE VI. COMMUNICATIONS

A letter was read from Mr. A. Page Smith, of Albany, stating his appreciation of the honor conferred upon him by having been named a member of this Board, but adding that he was disqualified for the service inasmuch as he is not now and never has been an Elder in the Reformed Church. The Stated Clerk announced that he had notified the Stated Clerk of the Particular Synod of Albany of the vacancy for which a nomination should be made.

A communication was received from the Stated Clerk of the Classis of Greene stating that the Rev. J. A. Lykstra had been nominated to fill the unexpired term of the Rev. S. T. Clifton, Ph.D.

Excuses were received from Professor W. S. Bogart, LL.D., Rev. J. M. Farrar, D.D., Rev. C. P. Case, D.D., and Rev. G. M. Conover.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE RECEPTION OF STUDENTS.

The Committee on the Reception of Students met at Suydam Hall, at 11.00 A.M., Sept. 20, 1916. Those present were the chairman, Rev. W. H. S. Demarest, D.D., LL.D., the Rev. Charles S. Wright and the Seminary Faculty.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Charles S. Wright. Prof. Raven was appointed Secretary.

The following [illegible]ns for admission to the Junior Class were examined as to their academic and ecclesiastical standing and their views in desiring the ministry:

Charles Henry Campbell, a member of the Union Reformed Church of High Bridge, N.Y., A.B., College of the City of New York, 1913.

Erich Theodore Muller, a member of the First German Evangelical Church of Jersey City, N. J., graduate of the Academic Department, Bloomfield Seminary.

Robert [illegible]yckoff Searle, a member of the First Reformed Church of New Brunswick, N. J., A. B., Rutgers College, 1915.

Paul Van Erden, a member of the First Holland Reformed Church of Paterson, N. J.,

George Henry Thisler, a member of the New York Avenue Reformed Church of Newark, N. J., A. B., Rutgers College, 1916.

Frederick Zimmerman, a member of the Broadway Reformed Church of Paterson, N. J., and for a time a student of Rutgers College.

The applicants presented certificates of church membership and the college graduates exhibited their diplomas. They were admitted to the Junior Class, Mr. Van Erden, however being admitted on probation for a half year because of insufficient academic preparation. The applicants were addressed by the chairman and commended to God in prayer.

It was resolved that the Faculty be authorized to pass on

any later applications. May 1917.

The meeting adjourned.

John H. Raven, Secretary.

Pursuant to the foregoing a thorization the Faculty later examined the following applicants and admitted them to the Junior Class:

Hugh St. Leger Booth, a member of Christ Reformed Church of Utica, N. Y., A. B., Hamilton College 1914.

Douwe De Boer, a member of the First [illegible] Hull, Ia., a student at Hope Coll[illegible]

John Gabriel Gebhard, Jr., a member of the Reformed Church of Mount Vernon, N. Y., A. B., Hope College, 1916.

George Steininger, a mem[illegible]iddle Collegiate Reformed Church of New York City, A. B., Hope College 1916.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MID-WINTER EXAMINATIONS.

The Committee on Mid-Winter Examinat[illegible] report that these examinations were held under the direction of the Pro essors at the appointed time. All the students, save one, in the three classes passed. The one student who failed in three examinations has removed these deficiencies. Mr. Van Erden, admitted on p[illegible]ba-tion at the beginning of the year, was continued full admission to the Junior Class.

T. H. S. Demarest, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE FACULTY.

The following report was read by the President of the Faculty and referred to the Committee [illegible] Professors' Report:

TO THE BOARD OF SUPERINTENDENTS:

The Faculty of the The[illegible]logical Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., respect ully [illegible]resents [illegible]he following report for the year ending in May, 191[illegible].

The following students have b[illegible]en in attendance during the past year:

Alida Van Schaick Post Graduate Scholar
Eldred Cornelius Vanderlaan

Special Post Graduate Scholar
Harold [illegible]illiam Schenck

SENIOR CLASS

Thomas Adams	Frank De Witt Blanchard
Charles Arlington Hallenbeck	Howard Kanter
John Ernest Wertz	George Moore, Jr.
Cornelius Lartel Muste	Herbert Emmett Van Vranken

MIDDLE CLASS

John Wm. Porter Collier	Bradley Jacob Pollensbee
Marion Gerard Gosselink	John Robert Howard
Frank Alvin Langwith	Frederick Full Shield
Miner Stegenga	Harvey Ira Todd
Andrew Everet Van Antwerpen	Joseph Le Cross Virgil

JUNIOR CLASS

Hugh St. Leger Booth	Charles Henry Campbell
Douwe Le Boer	John Gabriel Gebhard, Jr.
Erich Theodore Mueller	Alexander Turner Paxson
Robert Wyckoff Searle	George Steininger
Paul Van Erden	George Henry Whisler
Frederick Zimmerman	

Messrs Collier and Virgil of the Middle Class, serving as ministers of the [illegible]. E. Zion Church, are not ca didates for the usual professorial certificates: yet r. Collier has taken

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the entire work of the Middle year, while Mr. Virgil has taken only the English branches. In the Junior Class Mr. Van Erden has taken only the English branches; and Mr. Paxson is not a candidate for a professorial certificate.

Mr. Mertz and Mr. Muste have shared the income of the Augustus Sandham scholarship in the Senior Class, and Mr. Longwith is the Sandham scholar of the Middle Class; in the Junior Class the award of this scholarship will be determined after the May examination

The Rev. Edward Lodewick Prize for preaching this year has been awarded Mr. Muste of the Senior Class.

Mr. Henry Arjen Bilkert, soon after completing the work of the Middle year, asked for, and received, a letter of dismission to the Western Theological Seminary. During the Seminary year, was received to the Middle Class from the Western Theological Seminary.

The Rev. John H. Gillespie, L.D., Lector in Missions. and Instructor in New Testament Text Criticism, has given the Seminary another year of faithful service. We trust that he may be appointed Instructor in New Testament Text Criticism for the coming year.

Dr. Henry .. Southwick, President of the Emerson College of Oratory in Boston, Mass., during the second term lectured on Public Speaking, and gave private lessons to the students. Professor Edward Livingston Barbour, B. O., of Rutgers College, has given instruction to the students in the same department, and, as in previous years, with equal satisfaction.

Mr. Herman F. Dietman also has given instruction in voice training and vocal music.

Three lectures on Missions, on the Graves Foundation, were given by the Rev. . Sherwood Eddy, having special reference to present world conditions, and presenting urgent claims upon American Christians for renewed consecration and greatly increased missionary service. The Rev. Dr. Floyd . Tompkins, Rector of Holy Trinity Protestant Episcopal Church of Philadelphia, Pa., delivered a course of three impressive addresses on the "Christian Ministry". Professor Edwin Lee Earp, Ph.D., of Drew Theological Seminary, the first of our Seminary Alumni Fund lecturers, gave a course of three lectures on "Some Problems of the Country Church". Rev. Dr. James I. Farrar also lectured and gave instruction on "The Junior Congregation". Dr. Edgar J. Banks gave an illustrated address on "The Story of Nineveh and Babylon"; and the Rev. Dr. George Wood Anderson presented the special claims of Evangelistic Work upon the Christian Pastor.

The following persons have also given addresses or lectures under the auspices of the Society of Inquiry:-
Miss K. R. Green, Mrs. Edward S. Ralston, Miss Olivia H. Lawrence, The Reverend Henry Anet, Professor Walter E. Hoffsomer, Reverend Walter Erdman, Professor John H. Logan, Dr. Paul Harrison, Mr. Philip Chadbourne, and Mr. George Hardy Paine.

The usual Missionary Conference was held; and unusually interesting addresses were given by Mr. J. H. Farrar, Rev. Dr. William I. Chamberlain, Mr. William T. Demarest, and Rev. Dr. .. P. Bruce.

Professor Berg represented this Seminary at a Conference on "The Country Church", under the auspices of the International Y.M.C.A. last November in New York City. Professor Johnson, with Messrs Gosselink and Campbell of the student body, also represented the Seminary at a Conference of Theological Seminary Students and Professors held at Auburn Theological Seminary, Auburn, N. Y., early last February.

On May 1st it was decided, in view of the present war conditions in our Country, that any of our students called away unexpectedly to patriotic service, are hereby authorized to arrange with the professors for private written examinations:- the papers in such cases to be submitted to your Committee on Written Examinations, for their approval, and for final action by the Board. Mr. Zimmerman of the Junior Class, and Mr. Legenga of the Middle Class, have therefore been examined privately; Mr. Booth also of the Junior Class, after taking most of his examinations with his class, took the last two privately;- and these three men left the Seminary last week. Their examination papers are recommended for examination. mittee. The other students are recommended for examination.

Supplementary Report of the Faculty. May 1917.

The Faculty regret that it is necessary t make the following
plementary report to the Board: namely, that Mc Cormack Theolog-
ical Seminary has enrolled and graduated a student of t s i t tu-
tion without any letter of di mission from us, who was claimed by
us, nd acknowledged by their President to be a student of this
institution "under discipline for serious moral delinquincies in
financial matters", and in spite of our reminder of the agreement
tween the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the Uni-
ted States of America and the General Synod of the Ref rmed Church
America, that the Theological Seminaries under their control
should mutually respect each others proceses of discipline, and the
pledge of the President of Mc Cormack tha this agreement would be
rigidly adhered to by them.

For the Faculty,
J. P. Searle
J. H. Raven.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SEMINARY GROUNDS AND PROPERTY.

On motion this report was received [illegible]
to the General Synod. [illegible] c e forwarded

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TITLE AND SCOPE OF THE NEW PROFESSORSHIP.

The Committee on Title and Scope of the new Professorship, appointed with power, by the General Synod at its session of 1916 in accordance with the request of the Board of Superintendents, would respectfully report as follows:

The Committee met in December, 1916. The Rev. T. H. S. Demarest was chosen Chairman, and Prof. Raven Secretary. After careful consideration it was agreed:

I.

That the title of the new professorship shall be "The Professorship of the English Bible and of Christian Education".

II.

That the scope of this professorship shall be

A. As to the English Bible:

1. A general course, to be required of all Seminary students, of at least one hour a week in each of the three years of Seminary life, intended to give the student a ready working knowledge of the facts each book teaches, of their relationship to the central theme through all these books, and of their significance in christian life and in the special work of the preacher.

2. Courses in the exegesis of the Old and New Testaments, to be required of all students not taking the Hebrew and the Greek, and to give them as nearly as may be the equivalent of the exegetical work required of students in the full Seminary course.

B. As to Christian Education:

A course required of all students, of at least one hour a week for one Seminary year, or two hours a week for one-half such year, and intended to prepare them for the teaching functi ns of the ministry - It shall include instruction as to methods of teachin · child study, and the outline of the History of Christian Educatio .

The Chairman was authorized to transmit the above to General Synod and to furnish a copy of the same to the Committee of the Board of Superintendents on the Nomination of the Professor for its information and for that of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,
T. H. S. Demarest, Chairman.

The report was received and was made a part of the minutes of the Board, no action on the same being required.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE. May 1917.

e Committee on Nomination of Professor for the newly estab-
lished chair f the English Bible and Christian Education, and
fessor for the chair of Hellenistic Greek and New Testament Exe-
gesis to become vacant by the resignation of Dr. J. Frederick Berg,
report that they have given to the matter long continue very
careful consideration. Several meetings have been held, correspondence has been carried on, and various possibilities have been canvassed in the effo to find men well-qualified and available for the two positions. In the issue of deliberations the Committee unanimous in presenting a name the Board's nomination to the neral Synod for appointment to the hair o Hellenistic Greek and New Testament Exegesis, and they are unanimous in their desire for further time for consideration of the ot .
following resolutions:

1. RESOLVED, that the Board of Superintendents nomi ate to the General Synod the Rev. John W. Beardslee, Jr. Ph.L., D.D., for election as Professor of Hellenistic Greek and New Testament Exegesis in the New Brunswick Theological Seminary.

2. RESOLVED, that the Board of Superintendents re uest the General Synod for authority to make temporary arrangements for the chair of the English Bible and Christian Education for the year 1917-1918.

3. RESOLVED, that the Committee on Nomination be continued with power to make temporary arrangements for the chair of the English Bible and Christian Education fo
Synod shall give authority to th
pose a nomination for the permanent
Board prior t the meeting of the G
4. RESOLVED, that the Board further request th Ge al S
authority to make tempor y arrangements for the wor n Bi
Theology for the year 19 -1918; and that if suc au hority be given, the Committee on Nomination be instructed to make the arrangeme ts.

H. S. Demarest
J. Addison Jones
Wm. J. Leggett
J. A. Van Neste
Charles S. Wright. Committee.

On motion the report was adopted and the recommendations were approved.

ARTICLE VII. EXAMINATIONS.

WRITTEN EXAMINATIONS.

The sub-committees attended the examinations conducted by the Professors in the different departments of the Seminary in accordance with the printed schedule and the papers presented were carefully examined.

The work of each member of the Senior Class in all the departments was approved; some of the papers were of unusual merit.

The Middle Class papers manifested a commendable grasp of the subjects of examination in almost all cases; showing careful instruction and diligent work. The only exception made is the case of one student who should be admonished by the Professor to be more diligent in the study of Hebrew. The Professor's attention ha s been called to this case.

In the Junior Class faithful work is being done and while all of the students received commendation for the papers presented some were very highly spoken of. There were two exceptions. We think that two students should be required to take another examination in Biblical Theology and that one other should be cautioned by the Professor to pay careful attention to the subject of New Testament Greek. The attention of the Professors has been called to these cases.

The following resolution was passed concerning the work of Professor Gillespie:

Inasmuch as there has come to the attention of the Board of Superintendents very excellent work requiring much time and effort on the part of Dr. Gillespie in the great assistance he has given to students def cient Greek,

Therefore the B takes this opportunity to express its

very high appreciation of this gratuitous, yet very valuable, work. With the exceptions noted we recommend that this part of the examination be sustained.

Charles S. Wright, Chairman.

ORAL EXAMINATIONS.

The members of section one attended the following examinations: Seniors in Theology - Prof. Searle; Middlers in Greek - Prof. Berg; Seniors in Homiletics - Prof. Schenck; Seniors in Hebrew Poetry; Middlers in Biblical Theology - Prof. Berg; and Juniors in History of the Hebrew people - Prof. Johnson. These examinations were satisfactory and sustained by unanimous vote.

J. Addison Jones, Chairman.

Your Committee (section [illegible]) attended the oral examinations as follows: [illegible]r. Berg's room - Seniors in Greek and Biblical Theology; Dr. Schenck's room - Middlers in Pedagogy, Sociology of the Bible, and the Psychology of Race Religion; Dr. Johnson's room - Middlers in Church History; Dr. Searle's room - Juniors in Theological Encyclopedia and Co parative Religions; Dr. Raven's room - Juniors in Hebrew. The Committee voted unanimously to sustain these examinations.

A. T. Broek, Chairman.

The third section of the Board on Oral exam[illegible] report that all the examinations were sustained [illegible] section and they recommend to the Board [illegible].

ARTICLE VIII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

COMMITTEE ON THE PROFESSORS REPORT.

The Committee on the Faculty Report notes with appreciation and commendation the fine work of the past year. The activities in the interests of the students in providing lecturers and instructors who were experts in special subjects are of great value. The course of lectures provided by the Alumni Association is of marked interest to the Board of Superintendents.

Dr. Gillespie's work as Lector in Missions and Instructor in New Testament Text Criticism again has earned recognition of its value.

We would recommend the following:

1. That the Board of Superintendents does hereby express its appreciation to the Alumni Association for its provision for the course of lectures this year on "Some Problems of the Country Church".
2. That General Synod be requested to appoint Dr. J. H. Gillespie lector in Missions and Instructor in New Testament Text Criticism for the coming year.
3. That the action of the Professors in arranging for the private examinations of the students called to Patriotic Service be approved.

R. S. Wilson
G. G. Seibert
A. Flipse Committee

COMMITTEE ON SYNODICAL MINUTES

Your Committee report that they have carefully examined the Minutes of the General Synod and find nothing requiring the action of this Board.

A. T. Broek, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON SYNODICAL REPORT.

The report of this Committee was received, adopted an ordered transmitted to the General Synod in whose Minute[illegible] of 1917 i will be printed in full.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SEMINARY GROUNDS AND PROPERTY.

Your Committee on the Annual Report of the Standi g Committee the Seminary Grounds and Proper would respectfully submit the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, that as the income of the Seminary is insufficient to meet the fixed e es for its care, that the Churches be asked to continue their liberal support;

RESOLVED that t is Board has heard with pleasure of the many valuable gifts made to the Library and Museum and hereby expresses its gratitude to the several donors;

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RESOLVED, that the thanks of this Board be heartily given to Dr. Gillespie for his valuable services as Curator of the Museum;

RESOLVED, that this Board congratulates the Board of Direction on its acquisition of the two plots of ground abutting on the North of the campus, so essential to the extension of the Seminary property:

RESOLVED, that we recommend to the General Synod that the number of laymen on this Standing Committee be increased by one and that the Committee be divided into three classes, each class serving three years, and that Mr. Mason R. Strong be the additional member of the Committee;

RESOLVED, that Mr. Samuel Rowland, whose term expires at this meeting, be re-elected to succeed himself.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Crispell
John H. Brandow
Henri de Vries, Committee.

The report was accepted and the resolutions adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE EXAMINATION OF SERMONS.

The Committee reported that sermons had been received from the members of the Middle and Senior Classes and favorably reported upon by those to whom they had been committed for examination.

ARTICLE IX. PARTICULARIA.

The following resolution was adopted by a rising vote:
Inasmuch as we have received the courtesies of the Faculty and the Standing Committee on Seminary Grounds and Property this day in providing for our comfort and refreshment,
Therefore be it resolved that we extend by a rising vote our expression of appreciation by thanking them most heartily for their hospitality so delightfully and efficiently exhibited at the noon and evening hours.

The following bills were ordered paid: a bill [illegible] 30.00, this being the Board's share of the expense incurred [illegible] the Chairman of the Nominating Committee; a bill for 35.00 for the traveling expense of the member representing the Particular Synod [illegible] the examination of Chicago; a bill for 3.00 for [illegible] printing; a bill for 25.00 for the salary of the Stated Clerk of the Board.

It was regularly moved and carried that hereafter the Temporary Clerk be made the chairman of the Committee on Synodical Report.

The chairman, Dr. Scott, the Special Committee appointed [illegible] 1913 to consider a communication received from the Particular Synod of New Brunswick, reported progress and requested to be continued. On motion the request was granted.

The preaching exercise by the Seniors, and their examination in personal religion and views in desiring the ministry was held [illegible] the Wednesday night session. The examinations were sustained.

The President of the Board was elected to address the graduating class of 1918, on behalf of the Board. The Rev. Martin Flipse was chosen his alternate.

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ten o[illegible] Board took place at [illegible]en words of warm commendation were spoken by the President in recognition of th[illegible]ir faithful work during the past year. A response was made by the President of the Faculty expressing appreciation of the hard and diligent service rendered by the members of the Board. Both speakers referred with profound regret to the resignation of Professor Berg, to whose work the highest tribute was paid.

The students appeared before the Board at 10.30. After [illegible]nouncing to th[illegible]m the result of their examinations and giving them encouraging counsel, the Pres[illegible] of the Board called upon Rev. A. T. Broek to offer prayer.

ARTICLE X. RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

All of the sessions of the Board were opened and closed with prayer.

The minutes were read and approved.

ARTICLE XI. ADJOURNMENT.

Adjournment was ordered at the close of the graduation exercises.

Exercises

The Commencement of the Theological Seminary were held in Kirkpatrick Chapel on Thursday, May 17th, at 11.45 a.m. The Professorial Certificates were presented by Professor J. Frederic Berg. An address on behalf of the Board of Superintendents was delivered by the retiring President, Rev. John A. Van Neste. The Alumni Oration was delivered by the Rev. Wm. Elliott Griffis, D.D., L.H.L.

Thomas Powell Bonnell President

Henry W. Brink Temporary Clerk

[illegible] S. Hoffman,
Stated Clerk

May 1918.

The Board of Superintendents of the New Brunswick Theological Seminary met in annual session, in the chapel of Hertzog Hall, Wednesday, May 15, 1918, at 10.00 a.m.

ARTICLE I. OPENING.

The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by the President, Rev. T. P. Vernoll.

ARTICLE II. ROLL CALL.

The follwing members were present:

Classes	
Albany	
Bergen	Rev. Albert von Schlieder
Bergen, South	Rev. F. S. Wilson
Greene	Rev. H. J. Herge
Hudson	Rev. Herman Hageman
Kingston	Rev. Henry D. Frost
Long Island, North	Rev. C. L. F. Steinfuhrer, D.D.
Long Island, South	Rev. James M. Farrar, D.D.
Monmouth	Rev. Garrett M. Conover
Montgomery	Rev. George G. Seibert
Newark	Rev. Albertus T. Broek
New Brunswick	Rev. W. H. S. Demarest, D.D.
New York	Rev. Edgar Tilton, Jr., D.D.
Orange	Rev. Peter [illegible]
Palisades	Rev. Charles S. Wright
Paramus	
Passaic	Rev. Thos. P. Vernoll
Philadelphia	Rev. Andrew J. Walter
Poughkeepsie	
Raritan	Rev. Chas. G. Mallery
Rensselaer	
Rochester	Rev. D. L. Betten
Saratoga	
Schenectady	
Schoharie	Rev. John H. Brandow
Ulster	Rev. Henry W. Brink
Westchester	Rev. Henri de Vries
Particular Synods	
Chicago	Rev. Martin Flipse
Albany	
Albany	Elder William Van Orden
New York	
New York	
New Brunswick	Elder John E. Pratt, M.D.
New Brunswick	
Ex-Officio	The President of the Faculty

ARTICLE III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Rev. Edgar Tilton, Jr., D.D., was elected President. On motion the Stated Clerk was instructed to cast the ballot for Rev. Charles G. Mallery, for Temporary Clerk.

ARTICLE IV. READING OF MINUTES AND RULES OF ORDER.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read for information. It was moved and carried that the dispense with the reading of the Rules of Order.

ARTICLE V. APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following standing committees were appointed by the President:

RECEPTION OF STUDENTS

Rev. W.H.S. Demarest, L.D. Rev. A. T. Broek
Rev. Charles S. Wright Elder Austin Scott, LL.D.

PROFESSORS' REPORT

Rev. A. T. Broek Rev. Peter Crispell
Rev. F. S. Wilson

SYNODICAL MINUTES

Rev. G. G. Seibert — Rev. H. J. Herge
Rev. Herman Hageman

SYNODICAL REPORT

Rev. C. G. Mallery — Rev. C. D. P. Steinfuhrer, D.D.
Rev. J. H. Brandow

SEMINARY GROUNDS AND PROPERTY

Rev. Henri de Vries — Rev. A. J. Walter
Elder J. E. Pratt, M.D.

MID-WINTER EXAMINATIONS

Rev. W. H. S. Demarest, D.D. — Rev. C. S. Wright
Elder Austin Scott, LL.D.

WRITTEN EXAMINATIONS

Rev. C. S. Wright — Rev. Henri de Vries
Rev. C. D. P. Steinfuhrer, D.D. — Rev. A. T. Broek
Rev. J. M. Farrar, D.D. — Rev. F. S. Wilson
Rev. Herman Hageman — Rev. Peter Crispell
Rev. T. P. Vernoll — Rev. [illegible] W. Brink
Rev. Edgar Tilton, Jr., D.D. — Rev. A. von Schlieder
Rev. C. P. Litmars — Rev. C. G. Mallery

EXAMINATION OF SERMONS

Rev. H. W. Brink — Rev. G. M. Conover

ARTICLE VI. COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was received from the Stated Clerk of the Classis of Greene announcing the nomination of Rev. Henry [illegible]. Herge as their representative on the Board of Superintendents.

A communication was received from Rev. C. P. Litmars stating that for the first time during his long service in the Board he is compelled to ask to be excused from this annual meeting.

A communication was read from Prof. Marston T. Bogert, Lieut. Col. of the Chemical Service Section of the National Army, stating that official business would prevent him from leaving Washington and asking to be excused.

A communication was also received from Rev. C. P. Case, D.D., stating that his duties as Camp Pastor at Camp Merritt, Dumont, N.J. would prevent his attendance.

On motion these members were excused.

An announcement was made of the sudden death of Prof. Frederic R. Hutton, Sc.D., on Tuesday morning, as he was about to start to New Brunswick to perform his duties as a member of the Committee on Written Examinations.

On motion a special committee was appointed, consisting of Dr. Demarest and the Stated Clerk, to draft suitable resolutions relative to the work and death of Dr. Hutton.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE RECEPTION OF STUDENTS.

The Committee met in Suydam Hall at 11 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 19, 1917.

Dr. W. H. S. Demarest was elected chairman, and Prof. J. H. Raven secretary.

Prayer was offered by Prof. J. W. Beardslee, Jr.

The following young men presented themselves for admission to the Junior Class:

(1). Charles Edward Bloodgood, A. B. (Rutgers, 1917), member of the First Reformed Church of Catskill, N. Y.

(2). Lawrence Henry French, B. Sc., (Rutgers, 1917), member of Trinity Reformed Church of Plainfield, N. J.

(3). George Carl Hock, of Newark, N. J., member of the First Reformed Church of New Brunswick, N. J.

(4). James Edward Hoffman, A. B., (Hope, 1917), member of the Reformed Church of Overisel, Mich.

(5). John Seymour Moore, A.B., (Hope, 1917), member of the Knox Memorial Reformed Church of New York City.

(6). Asahel Waldorf Smith, Livingston, N. Y., member of the Reformed Church of Linlithgo, N. Y.

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(7). John Christian Tanis, member of the Second Christian Reformed Church of Paterson, N. J.

(8). John Albert Tillema, Morrison, Ill., (Hope, 1914), member of the Second Reformed Church of New Brunswick, N. J.

The young men presented certificates of church membership and the college graduates exhibited their diplomas.

They were all examined individually as to their christian experience and views in desiring the ministry.

Messrs. Bloodgood, French, Hock, Hoffman, Moore and Tillema were admitted tothe Junior Class; Mr. Smith was admitted on probation; and Mr. Tanis was admitted on probation as a guest. They were then addresse by the chairman and [illegible] in prayer.

William Arthur Burner, Esq., of Upper Montclair, N. J., member of the First Reformed Church of Somerville, N. J., presented himself. On account of his insufficie[illegible]n certain members of the Committee favored his taking collegiate work. After considerable discussion the case was remitted to the Faculty with power.

The Faculty was also authorized to receive any who present themselves later.

The meeting adjourned.

Acting upon their authorization the Faculty received the following men into the Junior Class:

(1). Martin Eugene Flipse, A.B., (Hope, 1916), member of the Third Reformed Church of Holland, Mich.

(2). Arthur Winfield Winter, A.B., (Hope, 1917), member of the Reformed Church of Wahwah, N. J.

John H. Raven, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MID-WINTER EXAMINATIONS.

The chairman of the Committee, Dr. Demarest, made a verbal report in which he stated that the examinations had been held and were well sustained, with few exceptions. The report was accepted.

REPORTOF THE FACULTY.

TO THE BOARD OF SUPERINTENDENTS:-

The Faculty of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., respectfully presents the following report for the year ending in May, 1918:

The following students have been in attendance during the past year:

SENIOR CLASS

John William Porter Collier
Bradley Jacob Bolensbee
Marion Gerard Gosselink
John Robert Howard
Frank Alvin Langwith
Frederick Kull Shield
Harvey Ira Todd
Andrew Everet Van Antwerpen
Joseph De Cross Virgil

MIDDLE CLASS

Hugh St. Leger Booth
Charles Henry Campbell
Louwe De Boer
John Gabriel Gebhard, Jr.
Erich Theodore Muller
Alexander Turner Paxson
Robert Wyckoff Searle
George Steininger
Paul Ven Eerden
George Henry Thisler
Frederick Zimmerman

JUNIOR CLASS

Charles Edward Bloodgood
Martin Eugene Flipse
Lawrence Henry French
George Carl Hock
James Edward Hoffman
John Seymour Moore
John Christian Tanis
John Albert Tillema
Arthur Winfield Winter

Messrs. Collier and Virgil of the Senior Class, ordained Ministers of the A.M.E. Zion Church, are not candidates for the usual professorial certificate. Mr. Collier has taken the full Seminary course. Mr. Virgil only the English branches. Both have been exemplary students in character and faithfulness in study and attendance. We believe that in doing what we can for colored

...gentlemen of this type we and our Church are doing that which is of ... not so much to ourselves as to our country and the Kingdom of Christ.

Mr. Miner Stengenga of the Middle Class was dismissed to the Western theological Seminary at the beginning of the year.

In the Middle Class, Mr. van Eerden has taken only the English Courses, with General Synod's dispensation from the others. Mr. Paxson, listed until nearly the end of the year as not a candidate for the professorial certificate, has taken only the English courses. Both have taken the special course in the English Bible to be mentioned later.

Messrs. Booth, Searle and Whisler have been given, at their own request, indefinite leave of absence for war service. Mr. George Steininger was given leave of absence Nov. 1st, for religious work in a nearby camp. The return of the pastor in whose church this work was done, released him and he returned to the Seminary at the beginning of the second semester. He was permitted by the Faculty to take his place in the class, with the understanding that all work missed by him should be made up before full entrance to the Senior Class.

Mr. Van Eerden, under the stress of unusual circumstances, was unable at the time to take certain of the mid-winter [illegible] tions. He has been allowed to continue his work under the same arrangement as with Mr. Steininger. We are quite certain that your Body will uphold the Faculty in requiring the full [illegible] of the year from these two young men, before advancing them to the Senior Class.

Mr. Paxson, in view of his faithfulness, excellent work, and manifest adaptedness for his chosen type of ministerial work, has been admitted to full standing in the English branches and as a candidate who will seek Synod's dispensation from the languages in order to his ordination.

Mr. Moore of the Junior Class has been conscripted and has been sent abroad in war service. He is also carried as a Junior absent on leave.

Mr. Langwith is the Sandham Scholar of the Senior Class, and Mr. Zimmerman of the Middle Class. The Junior Sandham Scholar will be determined after the May examination.

The Rev. Edward Lodewick prize for preaching has been awarded to Mr. Shield.

The Rev. John H. Gillespie, D.D., Lector in Missions, and Instructor in New Testament Text Criticism, has given the Seminary another year of faithful and highly valued service. We trust that he may be appointed Instructor in the latter subject again.

Your Committee on the vacant Sixth Professorship and on the vacant Lectorship in Biblical Theology, received from General Synod, in accordance with your request, the authority to make temporary arrangements for filling the Lectorship in Biblical Theology vacated by Professor Berg, and to make partial arrangements for meeting the tasks which are to be performed by the sixth Professor when he shall be chosen. Under this authority the Committee secured the services of Rev. Simon Blocker as Acting Lector in Biblical Theology, and Rev. J. T. Beardslee, Sr., as Acting Lector in the English Bible. Mr. Blocker has rendered the usual service of three hours a week in his lectorship, and Dr. Beardslee has, in the same number of hours, taught the English Bible to the students who do not take the original languages. The work of both has met with the cordial appreciation of their students.

President Henry L. Southwick of the Emerson College of Oratory in Boston has lectured on public speaking and given personal lessons to each student. Prof. E. L. Barbour of Rutgers College has given his regular course of instruction in the same field. The services of both are appreciated by students and faculty.

Mr. Herman F. Dietran has given his usual and valuable course in music.

Four lectures on Missions, on the Graves Foundation, were given by the Rev. J. C. R. Ewing, D.D., LL.D., of India.

Three lectures on the Christian Ministry were given by the Rev. John Timothy Stone, D.D., of Chicago.

The Alumni Association's Endowment Fund income has provided two courses of lectures, each three in number. The first was on the Problems of the Country Church, the lecturer being President

Kenyon L. Butterfield, LL.D., of the Massachusetts Agricultural College: The second on the Problems of the City Church, by Rev. William R. Taylor, D.D., of Rochester, N.Y. All these courses made especial appeal to the interest and appreciation of the students and Faculty.

Other single lectures provided for from the Catskill Church Fund were by Dr. Edgar J. Banks, the Archeologist, and the Rev. Sartell Prentice, D.D.

The following have given addresses or lectures under the auspices of the Society of Inquiry:

Rev. Luman J. Shafer
Mr. F. Marmaduke Potter
Mr. W. H. Ramsaur
Rev. John Van Ess
Rev. F. G. W. Meury, D.D.
Mr. Theodore N. Bockman
Mrs. C. M. Lacy Sites
Rev. James Lykema
Rev. W. P. Bruce, D.D.
Rev. Pietro Moncada
Mr. W. T. Demarest
Rev. W. I. Chamberlain, D.D.
Rev. Paul Micou
Rev. F. S. Booth, D.D.
Mr. George Irving
Rev. Karl Kumm, D.D.

The usual Missionary Conference was held under the auspices of this Society and was instructive and inspirational in high degree.

The Rev. Professor Johnson represented the Seminary at the Fiftieth Anniversary of Drew Theological Seminary in October.

In common with other Seminaries ours has suffered in its attendance by reason of the war, as indicated in the mention of those absent on leave. For this year we have suffered less, however, than most Seminaries. In the next year we can expect a full share of loss, especially in the Junior Class.

All the members of the respective classes are recommended for examination, but with the record of the votes of Professors Raven and Beardslee as negative in the case of Mr. Hock of the Junior Class.

For the Faculty,
J. P. Searle.

The report was received and referred to the Committee on Professors' Report.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SEMINARY GROUNDS AND PROPERTY

This report, which was read by the President of the Faculty, was received and referred to the Committee on Seminary Grounds and Property, and ordered to be forwarded to the General Synod.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE SIXTH PROFESSORSHIP.

Your Committee on the sixth professorship, and on the vacant lectorship in Biblical Theology, would respectfully report that by virtue of authority given by General Synod to the Committee at your request the Rev. Simon Blocker has been engaged as Acting Lector in Biblical Theology during the past year, and the Rev. J. W. Beardslee, Sr., D.D., has been engaged for the same time as Acting Lector in the English Bible, taking so much of the proposed work of the sixth professorship as included instruction in the English Bible to be given students not taking Hebrew and Greek - and that the compensation of each has been fixed at $500.

Both have with exact faithfulness and apparently with large success discharged the duties expected of them.

For the same reasons as resulted last year in your deferring a nomination for the sixth professorship, namely, the facts that the Synod has no house to offer to the Professor and that the right man is not yet clearly in sight, the Committee are not ready to recommend a nomination unless imperatively instructed by your Body to do so.

We recommend the following resolutions for adoption:

1. Resolved that this Board express its grateful appreciation of the valuable and efficient service rendered during the year by Rev. J. W. Beardslee, Sr., and Rev. Simon Blocker.
2. Resolved that this Board request General Synod to appoint Rev. Simon Blocker Lector in Biblical Theology at a compensation of $500 per annum.

3. Resolved that this [illegible] General Synod its [illegible] tion that further delay, for at least one year, in the filling of the sixth professorship is expedient and practically necesaary.
4. Resolved that Rev. J. W. Beardslee, Sr., L.L., be appointed Acting Lector in the English Bible for the next Seminary year at a compensation of $500.
5. Resolved that this C[illegible] already granted to it, and with special authority to expend not more than $1000 of the inco[illegible]

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Respectfully submitted,
H. S. Lemarest, Chairman.

It was moved and carried that the report be accepted and the recommendations be adopted.

ARTICLE VII. EXAMINATIONS.

WRITTEN EXAMINATIONS

The Committee on Written Examinations desire t[illegible] their appreciation of the services of Dr. J. M. Farrar and Rev. Peter Crispell, who were called upon to assist in the examinations and cordially responed to the call.

The Sub-Committees attended the examina[illegible] departments according to the printed schedule [illegible] papers presented. We note with sincere regret [illegible] C. P. Litmars, who was kept away by illness in [illegible] deep sorrow that of Dr. F. R. Hutton, who suddenly expired after starting for this examination.

The papers presented, while differing in merit, are spoken of by the Sub-Committees as showing faithful work and are very commendatory. The only exception being that of one member of the Junior Class, who is required to pass a re-examination in Hebrew which will be given by Professor Raven.

The Committee again calls the attention of the Board of Superintendents to the faithful services of Dr. Gillespie in assisting such students as are in need of aid in Preparatory Greek, and we recommend a resolution of appreciation and thanks.

With the exception of the case of the student conditioned in Hebrew we recommend that this part of the examinations be sustained.

Charles S. Wright,
Chairman.

On motion the report was accepted and the recommendations were adopted.

ORAL EXAMINATIONS

Section one reported thru its chairman, Rev. Peter Crispell, that they had attended the examinations to which they were assigned and voted unanimously to approve them.

Rev. J. H. Brandow, the chairman of section two, reported favorably upon the examinations which they had attended.

Section three, thru its chairman, Rev. Martin Klipse, stated that they had done the work and attended the examinations to which they had been appointed and reported satisfaction, with one exception to which the attention of the Professor had been called.

The motion was made and carried that these reports be accepted and approved.

ARTICLE VIII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

COMMITTEE ON PROFESSORS' REPORT.

The Report of the Faculty of the New Brunswick Theological Seminary submitted to the Board of Superinten[illegible]rals a year of progress in all branches of Seminary work. We rejoice in the excellent spirit manifested, and the faithfulness of the students.

We congratulate the Faculty on the work of the year, and express our appreciation of the successful efforts made to provide excellent courses of lectures by men of wide experience in various lines of work.

While the report makes no mention of the twenty-five years of service rendered by Dr. Searle, your Committee feels that this should not be passed over in silence. We therefore offer the following [illegible] the Board of Superintendents hereby extends to the Rev. Prof. J. Preston Searle, D.D., its hearty congratulations on the completion of twenty five years of service as Professor of Systematic Theology. We rejoice in the interest he has ever taken in advancing the welfare of the Seminary, and express the hope that he may be permitted to continue for many years to come the work so successfully carried on in the past.

Respectfully submitted,
Albertus T. Broek
Peter Crispell
R. S. Wilson Committee.

On motion the report was accepted and the resolution heartily adopted.

COMMITTEE ON SYNODICAL MINUTES

After examining the Minutes of Synod, your Committee report that they do not find anything requiring the attention of the Board.

G. G. Seibert,
Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON SYNODICAL REPORT

The report of this Committee was accepted and approved and ordered forwarded to the General Synod, in whose Minutes of 1918 it will be printed in full.

COMMITTEE ON SEMINARY GROUNDS AND PROPERTY

Your Committee on the Annual Report of the Standing Committee on the Seminary Grounds and Property would report as follows:

Whereas the income of the Seminary is insufficient to meet its annual expenses, a condition intensified by the large increase in the cost of fuel, labor, etc.

Be it resolved that the Churches of the Denomination be more urgently requested not only to continue, but to increase their generous gifts towards the support of the Seminary.

Resolved that to the donors of the books given to the library be extended the cordial thanks of the Board.

The report of the treasurer has been examined and audited by the auditing committee of the Standing Committee on Seminary Grounds and Property.

We recommend that the above named report be ordered transmitted to the General Synod with the approval and endorsement of this Board.

Respectfully submitted,
Henri de Vries
J. E. Pratt
A. J. Walter Committee.

The report was accepted and the resolutions adopted.

COMMITTEE ON EXAMINATION OF SERMONS

The Committee reports that all of the sermons of the members of the Senior and Middle Classes have been examined by members of the Board.

H. W. Brink, Chairman.

ARTICLE IX. PARTICULARIA.

The following minute was reported by the special committee appointed to draft a resolution relative the death of Professor F. R. Hutton, Sc.D.:

The members of the Board of Superintendents of the New Brunswick Theological Seminary have received with profound sorrow the message that Frederic Rem[illegible] Hutton, as he was leaving [illegible] home to attend this meeting, [illegible]

[illegible] son [illegible] the late Mancius S. [illegible] r of the late Mancius Hutton, D.D., distinguished ministers of the Reformed Church. He was himself an elder of many years service in the Collegiate Church of New York City; and he was a member of this Board from the Particular Synod of New York. He was for many years professor in Columbia University and became Dean of the Faculty of Applied Science; he received many degrees from the university and the degree of the Doctor of Science from Rutgers College as well.

Dr. Hutton was born in New York City, May [illegible], 1853, and died in New York City, yesterday, May 14, 1918.

Announcement was made of the sudden death on Monday, May 13th, of Rev. Matthew Kolyn, L.D., Professor of Historical Theology in the Western Theological Seminary. The President of the Faculty was directed to express the sympathy of the Seminary and the Board to the family of Dr. Kolyn and the Western Theological Seminary.

Rev. Henri de Vries was elected to preside at the afternoon and evening sessions of the Board in the absence of the President of the Board.

The following bills were ordered paid: $9.75 for the printing of the Examination Schedules; $40 for the traveling expenses of the member of the Board from the Particular Synod of Chicago; and $25 for the salary of the Stated Clerk of the Board.

It was moved and carried that the Board express its appreciation of the courtesy of the Faculty and the Committee on Seminary Grounds and Property for their generous entertainment of the Board at dinner and supper on Wednesday.

Mr. De Boer, of the Middle Class, requested to be excused at ten o'clock Thursday morning. On motion the request was granted, provided it has the approval of the President of the Faculty.

It was moved and carried that the examination of the members of the Senior Class in preaching and personal religion and views in desiring the ministry be sustained.

The President, Rev. Edgar Tilton, Jr., D.D., was elected to deliver the address to the graduating class next year on behalf of the Board, and Rev. Henri de Vries was chosen his alternate.

It was moved and carried that professorial certificates be granted to the members of the graduating class, and that the members of the Middle and Junior Classes be advanced in regular order, with such reservations as have already been approved by the Board.

Upon request, Dr. Searle explained the distinction between Dean and President of the Faculty: the title of Dean having been abolished by the General Synod in 1888; while the President of the Faculty is not chosen by virtue of his seniority, but is selected for his executive ability.

[illegible] Rev. J. H. Brandow, reporting number of men preparing for the ministry, it was

RESOLVED that Mr. Brandow be requested to submit these facts to the Board in writing, for transmission to the Synod, and it was RESOLVED that the Board of Superintendents lay this matter before the General Synod with the request that the Synod suggest some line of procedure looking to increasing the number of our candidates for the ministry [illegible] scheme whereby the attention of our ministers and [illegible].

Such a statement was prepared and forwarded to General Synod as a part of the report of the Committee on Synodical Report, which is printed in the Minutes of General Synod for 1918.

At ten o'clock Thursday morning the members of the Faculty were received and addressed by the President of the Board, who warmly congratulated and thanked them for their faithful and efficient service. A response was made by the President of the Faculty in which appreciation was expressed of the fellowship and practical help of the members of the Board. Dr. Raven also spoke, making special reference to the relation of our Seminary to the cause in which the nation is engaged and the importance of throwing itself heart and soul into this crisis.

The students of the Seminary appeared in a body before the Board at 10.30. The President informed them that the Board had been well pleased with the results of the year, with the few exceptions of which they will be duly acquainted by the professors. He also spoke of the trying times thru which we are passing and of the clear call for fidelity in the appointed task. The elements of power for the advancement of the church now, as always, he declared, are stated in the second chapter of the Acts of the Apostles,- preaching, fellowship and prayer.

ARTICLE X. RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

All of the sessions of the Board were opened and closed with prayer.

The minutes were read and approved.

ARTICLE XI. ADJOURNMENT.

Adjournment was ordered at the conclusion of the graduation exercises.

The Commencement Exercises of the Theological Seminary were held in Kirkpatrick Chapel Thursday morning at 11.45. The Professorial Certificates were presented to the members of the graduating class by Professor Ferdinand S. Schenck, D.D., LL. D. The address on behalf of the Board of Superintendents was delivered by Rev. Thomas Powell Vernoll, the retiring President. Rev. Wm. I. Chamberlain, Ph.D., D.L., delivered the Alumni Oration.

Edgar Tilton, Jr.
President

Gus Wallerp
Temporary Clerk

Jasper S. Hogan, Stated Clerk

May 1919

The annual meeting of the Board of Superintendents of the New Brunswick Theological Seminary was held in the chapel of Hertzog Hall, Wednesday, May 21, 1919.

ARTICLE I. OPENING.

The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by the President, Rev. Edgar Tilton, Jr., D.D.

ARTICLE II. ROLL CALL.

The following members were present:

Classes	
Albany	Rev. J. Addison Jones, L.D.
Bergen	Rev. Albert von Schleider
Bergen, South	Rev. F. S. Wilson
Greene	Rev. H. J. Herge
Hudson	Rev. Herman Hageman
Kingston	Rev. T. A. Beekman
Long Island, North	Rev. C. D. F. Steinfuhrer, L.D.
Long Island, South	
Monmouth	Rev. Garrett [illegible]. Conover
Montgomery	Rev. C. Fred Benjamin
Newark	
New Brunswick	Rev. [illegible]. H. S. Demarest, L.D.
New York	Rev. Edgar Tilton, Jr., L.D.
Orange	Rev. Peter Crispell
Palisades	
Paramus	Rev. John A. Van Neste
Passaic	Rev. T. P. Vernoll
Philadelphia	Rev. Andrew J. Walter
Poughkeepsie	
Raritan	Rev. Charles G. Mallery
Rensselaer	
Rochester	Rev. G. H. Hospers
Saratoga	Rev. H. F. Hamlin
Schenectady	Rev. C. Peterson Litmars
Schoharie	Rev. John H. Brandow
Ulster	Rev. C. Van Oostenbrugge
Westchester	
Particular Synods	
Chicago	Rev. Martin Flipse
Albany	
Albany	
New York	
New York	
New Brunswick	Elder John E. Pratt, M. D.
New Brunswick	Elder Austin Scott, LL.D.
Ex-Officio	The President of the Faculty

ARTICLE III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. Peter Crispell was elected President. On motion the Stated Clerk was directed to cast the ballot for the Rev. Charles G. Mallery for Temporary Clerk.

ARTICLE IV. READING OF MINUTES AND RULES OF ORDER.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read for information. The reading of the Rules of Order was not called for.

ARTICLE V. APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following standing committees were appointed:

RECEPTION OF STUDENTS

Rev. W. H. S. Demarest, D.D. — Rev. A. T. Broek
Rev. Edgar Tilton, Jr., D.D. — Elder Austin Scott

PROFESSORS' REPORT

Rev. J. A. Jones, D.D. — Rev. J. A. Van Neste
Rev. A. von Schleider

SYNODICAL MINUTES

Rev. T. P. Vernoll
Rev. C. F. Benjamin
Rev. J. H. Brandow

SYNODICAL REPORT

Rev. C. G. Mallery
Rev. Herman Hageman
Rev. G. H. Hospers

SEMINARY GROUNDS AND PROPERTY

Rev. G. M. Conover
Rev. A. T. Broek
Rev. H. F. Hamlin

MID-WINTER EXAMINATIONS

Rev. W. H. S. Demarest, D.D.
Elder Austin Scott
Rev. J. A. Van Neste

WRITTEN EXAMINATIONS

Rev. C. D. F. Steinfuhrer, D.D.
Rev. J. M. Farrar, D.D.
Rev. I. W. Gowen, D.D.
Rev. Herman Hageman
Rev. T. P. Vernoll
Rev. Peter Crispell
Rev. C. Van Oostenbrugge
Rev. Edgar Tilton, Jr., D.D.
Rev. Henri de Vries
Rev. A. von Schleider
Rev. C. P. Litmars
Rev. A. T. Broek
Rev. C. G. Mallery
Rev. W. R. Hart

EXAMINATION OF SERMONS

Rev. T. P. Vernoll
Rev. E. A. Macculam

ARTICLE VI. COMMUNICATIONS.

A communication was received from the Stated Clerk of the Classis of Ulster announcing the nomination of Rev. C. Van Oostenbrugge to fill unexpired term of Rev. H. W. Brink.

Excuses were received from Rev. Henri de Vries, Prof. Marston T. Bogert, and Elders William Van Orden and C. W. Osborne. On motion these brethren were excused.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE RECEPTION OF STUDENTS.

The Committee of the Board of Superintendents of the New Brunswick Theological Seminary on the Reception of Students met in Suydam Hall at 11 A.M., Sept. 18, 1918. Prayer was offered by Dr. Searle.

Those present were Rev. Dr. W. H. S. Demarest, Rev. C. S. Wright, Rev. A. T. Broek, Dr. Austin Scott and the members of the Faculty. Dr. Demarest was elected chairman of the committee and Prof. Raven secretary.

Mr. John J. De Boer, A.B.(Hope 1915), A.M. (University of Michigan, 1918), a member of the Third Reformed Church of Holland, Mich., and a student of the Western Theological Seminary on leave of absence, presented himself for admission to the Junior Class. It was resolved that he be admitted on the presentation of a letter from the Western Seminary. This letter was later presented.

Mr. W. Arthur Burner, who had been taking some special studies in Rutgers College at the recommendation of the committee applied for admission to the Seminary. It was resolved that his case be referred to the Faculty and the chairman. He was later admitted to the Junior Class, subject to his ability to maintain his standing therein. The Faculty was given power to act on later applications.

The meeting adjourned.

The Faculty later admitted Mr. Tiede Hibma to the Middle Class on certificate from the Western Theological Seminary that he had completed the work of the Junior year.

The Faculty also admitted the following men to the Junior Class on certificate of church membership and proofs of academic standing:

Mr. Arthur Henry Voerman, A. B. (Hope College 1918), member of the Sixth Reformed Church of Paterson, N. J.

Mr. John Augustus Hitzelberg, A. B. (Rutgers, 1905), member of the South Reformed Church of Brooklyn, N. Y.
Mr. Walter Augustus Scholten, Valley Springs, S. D., A.B. (Hope College, 1918), member of the First Reformed Church of New Brunswick, N. J.

Messrs Hitzelberg and Scholten were received after the mid- year examinations.

John H. Raven, Secretary.

On motion the report of the Committee was accepted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MID-WINTER EXAMINATIONS.

The chairman of the committee, Dr. Lemarest, reported verbally that the examinations had been held, and the few deficiencies had been later removed. The report was accepted.

REPORT OF THE FACULTY.

To the Board of Superintendents:

The Faculty of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., respectfully reports the work of the year ending May 1919.

The following students have been enrolled during the year:

POST-Graduate

Rev. Marion Gerard Gosselink

SENIOR CLASS

Charles Henry Campbell
Douwe De Boer
John Gabriel Gebhard, JR.
Erich Theodore Muller
Alexander Turner Paxson
George Steininger
Paul Van Erden
Frederick Zimmerman

MIDDLE CLASS

Charles Edward Bloodgood
Hugh St. Leger Booth
Martin Eugene Flipse
Lawrence Henry French
Tiede Hibma
George Carl Hock
James Edward Hoffman
Robert Wyckoff Searle
John Christian Tanis
George Henry Whisler
Arthur Winfield Winter

JUNIOR CLASS

William Arthur Burner
John J. De Boer
Antonio Del Monaco
John Augustus Hitzelberg
John Seymour Moore
Walter Augustus Scholten
Arthur Henry Voerman

Messrs. Paxson and Van Erden of the Senior Class have been granted dispensations from Hebrew and Greek by the General Synod.

Messrs. Booth, Searle and Whisler of the Middle Class are still on leave of absence for war service.

Mr. Searle, in view ofthe prospect of long delay in the return from France received "school leave" from his regiment and is taking the spring term in Edinburgh University. He and Mr. Whisler are expected to return in September. Mr. Booth, we regret to say, may not be able to do so on account of the severe illness from which he is suffering.

Mr. French of the Middle Class was called from the Seminary almost at the beginning of the year for Government service at home. He returned to his studies in December and has made up fully all the work in some of the rooms, and petitions respectfully, with the entire approval of the Faculty, for delayed examinations in the other rooms in September.

Mr. Tanis of the Middle Class, an ordained minister of the Presbyterian Church, is taking only certain courses and is not a candidate for the Professorial Certificate.

Mr. John A. Tillema of this class has been engaged in teachingduring the year, and is expected to return in the fall to pursue his studies with the next Middle Class.

Mr. Arthur Winter of the same class was compelled by illness to withdraw shortly after the beginning of the year. His return

is hoped for, although his health is as yet far from confirmed.

Mr. Hock of the same class, owing to peculiar circumstances has been unable to complete the full work of the Middle Class and petitions for certain delayed examinations in September. The Faculty approve of this petition.

Mr. Burner of the Junior Class has been irregular in attendance owing to illness. He has been permitted to take the examinations in the English departments on the basis of his own proposal to repeat the Junior year, concentrating his energies on the language studies.

Mr. Hitzelberg of this class entered at the beginning of the second semester. A mature man, highly trained especially in the languages, which he has been teaching for twelve years, he has been able to maze up the work of the entire year with a thoroughness most satisfactory to his professors.

Mr. Scholten of the same class was released from service in the army in December and began the work of the class at the beginning of the second semester. His plan, approved by us, has been to complete the year's work in certain studies, and to seek a deferred examination in others, and his petition to you, also approved by us, is the same as those of Messrs. French and Hock of the Middle Class.

Mr. A. Del Monaco, graduate of the New York Bible School, and Missionary of the First Presbyterian Church among the Italians of this city, was admitted to the Seminary to take certain studies. His work soon made their pursuit, with regularity and success, impossible. He hopes when his field is organized to resume his studies.

Mr. John S. Moore, called to army service from the newly begun work of the Junior Class of 1917-1918 and carried on our roll as a Junior absent for war service, returned to this country in the middle of the past year. Wounded and gassed, he is recovering his health and hopes to return in September next.

Mr. R. B. Nichols is taking post-graduate work in History in Rutgers College and desired to take one of his courses in Church History. In view of the frequency with which the College has generously opened its courses to our students, we have been happy to welcome Mr. Nichols and can testify that his faithfulness and zest in his work have been a stimulus to others in the class.

We respectfully suggest that in the cases of Messrs. French, Hock and Scholten the Faculty be directed to examine them in September, or earlier, under the provision of your Committee on the Reception of Students, or such other Committee as you desire to designate.

Messrs. Zimmerman and Hoffman have been the George Augustus Sandham Scholars of the Senior and Middles Classes respectively.

The Lodewick prize for the best preacher in the Senior Class has been awarded to Mr. Zimmerman.

The Lectors, Dr. Gillespie and Rev. Simon Blocker, and the Acting Lector, Dr. Beardslee, Sr., have performed faithful and valuable service. It is hoped that all may be permitted to continue their valuable aid to our students.

Professors Johnson and Raven represented the Seminary in the Conference of Theological Professors at Cambridge, Mass., last summer.

Professor Searle was appointed to represent the Seminary as a member of the Continuation Committee appointed by this Conference.

Professor Johnson represented the Seminary at the Centennial Exercises of Auburn Seminary in October, and of the General Theological Seminary in New York in May.

President Henry L. Southwick of the Emerson College of Oratory, Boston, gave his usual and valuable week of instruction in Pulpit Oratory.

Professor Barbour has also given his usual personal instruction in the Art of Expression.

Mr. Dietman has given twelve evenings of two and a half hours each, as Instructor in Music, with continued appreciation on the part of the students.

A successful Missionary Conference of the Seminary and representatives of the Mission Boards of our Church was held in April.

Rev. Cornelius Woelfkin, D.D., Litt.D., LL.D., gave the Faculty Lectures on the Christian Ministry.

Edgar Banks, Ph. D., archeologist, gave an instructive lecture on his personal explorations in mesopotamia.

Rev. J. Addison Jones, D.D., gave a vitally interesting and helpful address on experiences in war work.

Lectures and addresses were also given before the Society of Inquiry by

Rev. E. G. W. Meury, D.D.
Rev. Simon Blocker
Prof. Harry Lewis
Prof. Frank App
Mr. William T. Demarest
Rev. W. I. Chamberlain, D.D.
Prof. Alva Agee
Dr. Carl Mumm
Mrs. Sites
Mr. M. F. Potter
Rev. James Dykema
Rev. E. F. Romig
Dr. J. G. Lipman
Rev. J. R. Sizoo

Five of these were missionary addresses. Four were on the country church and its relations.

All the students, excepting those mentioned as seeking deferred examinations, are recommended for admission to the examinations.

For the Faculty,

F. S. Schenck.

On motion the report was accepted and referred to the Committee on Professors' Report.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SEMINARY GROUNDS AND PROPERTY.

On motion this report, which was read by Dr. Searle, was received and referred to the Committee on Seminary Grounds and Property, and ordered to be forwarded to the General Synod.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE SIXTH PROFESSORSHIP.

The Committee on Nomination of a Professor of the English Bible and Christian Education respectfully report that they have held several meetings and have given earnest and continued consideration to the matter. They have not reached a conclusion fully answering to the duty charged upon them. They are not prepared to present a name appropriate to the proposed sixth professorship. They are prepared, however, to recommend an arrangement for the course or courses in ~~the English~~ Christian Education the coming year, assuming at the same time that the arrangement made for the course or courses in the English Bible the past year be allowed to continue. They recommend that Mr. Edward P. St.John, lately Professor at Hartford School of Pedagogy and at Boston University, now Professor of Education at the Y. W. C. A. Training School in New York City, be Instructor in Christian Education at a salary of $650, for the year 1919-1920, to give a course or courses during a half year.

W. H. S. Demarest.

It was
VOTED, that the report be received and adopted.

ARTICLE VII. EXAMINATIONS.

WRITTEN EXAMINATIONS.

The Committee on Written Examinations met at 9.30 on Wednesday morning, May 21, 1919. The chairman of the committee, Rev. C. S. Wright, being absent on account of ill health, Rev. F. S. Wilson was elected chairman. He opened the meeting with prayer. Mr. J. H. Raven was elected clerk of the meeting.

The several committees reported on the written examinations. The Committee on Hebrew examinations reported Mr. Burner of the Junior Class deficient in term work and examinations. It was recommended that all the men be passed with the exception of Mr. Burner, who should take the work of the Junior year over, except the English subjects.

The committees on examinations in all other subjects reported that in the main the work was very satisfactory and that the examinations were sustained.

Messrs. Hock, French and Scholten were reported by Dr. Searle as desiring to be examined at a later date, two of them having been absent from the Seminary a part of the year on account of war work. The request of these men was approved.

By resolution, all the students with the above mentioned exceptions, were advanced,- the Juniors to the Middle Class, the Middlers to the Senior Class and the Seniors were recommended for professorial certificates.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Rev. Herman Hageman.

P. S. Wilson, Chairman.

It was
VOTED, That the report of the committee be received and adopted.

ORAL EXAMINATIONS

Dr. Jones, chairman of Section 1, Rev. C. F. Benjamin, chairman of Section 2 and Rev. C. G. Mallery, chairman of Section 3 reported that they had severally performed the duties assigned to them and recommended that the oral examinations be sustained.

It was
VOTED, That the reports be accepted and adopted.

ARTICLE VIII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

COMMITTEE ON PROFESSORS' REPORT.

Your committee wishes to record its sincere appreciation of the faithful service of the members of the Faculty during one of the most trying years in the history of the Seminary. The disturbed conditions of the country, due to the carrying on of the Great War, has severely affected the number and attendance of the students. Notwithstanding these difficulties the spirit and work of the Seminary have been maintained at a high degree of excellence.

The committee recommends the approval of the request of the Faculty, "that in the case of Messrs. French, Hock and Scholten the Faculty be directed to examine them in September, or earlier, under the supervision of the Committee on the Reception of Students, or such other Committee as may be designated."

Respectfully submitted,

J. Addison Jones, Chairman.

It was
VOTED, That the report be accepted and adopted.

COMMITTEE ON SYNODICAL MINUTES

Rev. J. H. Brandow, the chairman, reported that the committee found nothing in the Minutes of General Synod requiring action by this Board.

The report was accepted.

COMMITTEE ON SYNODICAL REPORT.

The chairman of the committee, Rev. C. G. Mallery, presented a brief outline of the report, which the Stated Clerk was directed to complete and transmit to the General Synod.

This report was accepted.

COMMITTEE ON SEMINARY GROUNDS AND PROPERTY.

Your committee has carefully read the report of General Synod's Standing Committee on Seminary Grounds and Property.

Deserving praise is given those who make up this committee who have so faithfully performed their duty. The Seminary grounds never looked more beautiful and evidence great care.

All of the recommendations of this Committee on Grounds and Property should be met and we would particularly urge increased gifts from the churches to meet the absolute expense of Hertzog Hall.

We heartily commend the report and favor its adoption.

G. M. Conover, Chairman.

It was
VOTED, That the report be accepted and adopted.

COMMITTEE ON EXAMINATION OF SERMONS.

Sermons were submitted by the members of the Senior and Middle Classes; these were assigned to the various members of the Board for examination, and duly reported.

T. P. Vernoll, Chairman.

This report was accepted.

ARTICLE IX. PARTICULARIA.

The members of the Board were invited to accept the hospitality of the Committee on Seminary Grounds and Property at dinner and supper in Hertzog Hall. This invitation, which was extended thru the President of the Faculty, was heartily accepted.

It was
VOTED, That the bill of J. Heidingsfeld Co. for $5.75, for printing the examination schedules, and the bill of Rev. Martin Klipse, representing the Particular Synod of Chicago, amounting to $44.00 for traveling expenses, be paid.ordered
It was
VOTED, That the salary of the Stated Clerk of this Board be fixed at $50.00 per annum, beginning from the present date.
It was
VOTED, That the Board recommend to the General Synod that the salary of Rev. Simon Blocker, Lector in Biblical Theology, be increased to $750.00, if the funds can be procured.
It was
VOTED, That the follwing resolution presented by Dr. Lemarest be adopted:

The Baord of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick respectfully and with great earnestness request the General Synod to restore the salary paid each Professor of Theology at the Seminary to $3000, if this be possible or can be made possible. They present this action in view of the fact that many years ago the salary was $3000, and that reduction from this figure to $2500 was made in a period of financial depression, after offer of the professors to this effect, that since that time there has been restoration of only $250 to the salary, that the expense of living has greatly increased in recent years, and that a less salary than $3000 does not comport with the dignity and importance of the position which the professors occupy and the work which is committed to their charge.

It was
Voted, That a copy of the above resolution be transmitted to the Committee on the Finances of the Seminary, as well as to the General Synod in the report of the Board.
It was
VOTED, That the examination of the members of the Senior Class in preaching and personal religion and views in desiring the ministry, be sustained.
It was
VOTED, That the students, with the exceptions of the three named in the report of the Committee on Written Examinations, be advanced and that professorial certificates be granted to the members of the Senior Class.
It was
VOTED, That the members of the Board express their cordial appreciation of the courtesies shown by the Faculty and the

hospitality graciously provided by the Committee on Seminary Grounds and Property.

Considerable time was spent in a discussion of the lack of students for the ministry and the failure of our Denomination, throughout its history, to provide more than half of the ministers required by our Church.

It was

VOTED, That the President, Rev. Peter Crispell, be elected to address the members of the graduating class at the commencement exercises in 1920. Rev. Martin Flipse was chosen as his alternate.

It was

VOTED, That beginning next year the hour for the reception of the Faculty be fixed at 9.15 and the reception of the students at 9.45.

The members of the Faculty were received at ten o'clock. In well chosen words the President expressed his pleasure in greeting those who are honored and loved, and in conveying the gratitude of the Church at large, as well as the members of the Board, for their faithful service and sacrifice.

Responses were made by the President of the Faculty, and also by Dr. Johnson and Dr. Schenck.

The students were received at 10.30. They, too, were greeted by the President, who heartily commended them for their zeal and consecration to the important work of the year. The blessing of God was invoked upon them by Dr. Jones, who led in prayer.

ARTICLE X. RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

All of the sessions of the Board were opened and closed with prayer.

The minutes were read and approved.

ARTICLE XI. ADJOURNMENT.

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The closing prayer was offered by Rev. Albert von Schleider.

Peter Crispell — President.

Jasper S. Hogan, — Temporary Clerk.

Stated Clerk.

The annual meeting of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick was held in the chapel of Hertzog Hall, Wednesday, May 19, 1920.

ARTICLE I. OPENING.

The meeting was called to order at 10.15 by the Stated Clerk, in the absence of the President, and Rev. [illegible] P. Ditmars was elected temporary chairman. Rev. J. R. Sizoo was called upon to offer the opening prayer.

ARTICLE II. ROLL CALL.

The following members were present:

Classes	
Albany	Rev. J. Addison Jones, D.D.
Bergen	Rev. Albert Von Schlieder, D.D.
Bergen, South	Rev. W. Reese Hart
Greene	Rev. Henry J. Berge, Ph.D.
Hudson	Rev. Herman Hageman
Kingston-	Rev. A. A. Zabriskie
Long Island, North	Rev. C. D. F. Steinfuhrer, D.D.
Long Island, South	
Monmouth	Rev. Garrett M. Conover
Montgomery	Rev. C. F. Benjamin
Newark	Rev. A. T. Broek
New Brunswick	Rev. W. H. S. Demarest, D.D.
New York	Rev. Edgar Tilton, Jr., D.D.
Orange	Rev. Peter Crispell
Palisades	Rev. Isaac W. Gowen, D.D.
Paramus	
Passaic	Rev. Thomas P. Vernoll
Philadelphia	Rev. Andrew J. Walter
Poughkeepsie	Rev. A. C. Bird
Raritan	Rev. J. R. Sizoo
Rensselaer	
Rochester	Rev. G. H. Hospers
Saratoga	
Schenectady	Rev. C. P. Ditmars
Schoharie	Rev. J. H. Brandow
Ulster	Rev. C. Van Oostenbrugge
Westchester	
Particular Synods	
Chicago	Rev. Martin Flipse
Albany	
Albany	
New York	Elder Charles W. Osborne
New York	
New Brunswick	Elder John E. Pratt, M.D.
New Brunswick	
Ex-Officio	The President of the Faculty

ARTICLE III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. Albert Von Schlieder, D.D., was elected President. Rev. Joseph R. Sizoo was chosen Temporary Clerk.

ARTICLE IV. READING OF MINUTES AND RULES OF ORDER.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read for information. On motion the reading of the Rules of Order was omitted.

ARTICLE V. APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President appointed the following standing committees:

RECEPTION OF STUDENTS

Rev. W. H. S. Demarest, D.D. — Rev. A. T. Broek
Rev. Edgar Tilton, Jr., D.D. — Elder Austin Scott, LL.D

PROFESSORS' REPORT

Rev. J. A. Jones, D.D. — Rev. C. P. Ditmars
Rev. C. F. Benjamin

SYNODICAL MINUTES

Rev. Martin Flipse Rev. A. A. Zabriskie
Rev. G. M. Conover

SYNODICAL REPORT

Rev. J. R. Sizoo Rev. H. Hageman
Rev. C. Van Oostenbrugge

SEMINARY GROUNDS AND PROPERTY

Rev. I. W. Gowen, D.D. Elder C. W. Osborne
Elder J. E. Pratt, M.D.

MID-WINTER EXAMINATIONS

Rev. W. H. S. Demarest, D.D. Rev. J. A. Van Neste
Elder Austin Scott, LL.D.

WRITTEN EXAMINATIONS

Rev. E. D. F. Steinfuhrer, D.D.
Rev. J. M. Farrar, D.D.
Rev. C. Van Oostenbrugge
Rev. Herman Hageman
Rev. T. P. Vernoll
Rev. I. W. Gowen, D.D.
Rev. Peter Crispell
Rev. Edgar Tilton, Jr., D.D.
Rev. C. H. Tyndall, D.D.
Rev. C. P. Litmars
Rev. A. Von Schlieder, D.D.
Rev. A. T. Broek
Rev. W. R. Hart
Rev. J. R. Sizoo

EXAMINATION OF SERMONS

Rev. G. H. Hospers Rev. A. C. Bird

ARTICLE VI. COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was received from the Stated Clerk of the Class of Raritan announcing the nomination of Rev. Joseph R. Sizoo to fill the unexpired term of Rev. C. G. Mallery.

A communication was also received from the Stated Clerk of the Classis of Kingston announcing the nomination of Rev. A. A. Zabriskie to fill the unexpired term of Rev. J. F. Durfee.

Also a communication from the Stated Clerk of the Classis of Poughkeepsie stating that Rev. A. C. Bird had been nominated to fill the vacancy in the Board caused by the death of Rev. C. P. Case, D.D.

The following inquiry was received from the Classis of Palisades "Resolved that the Stated Clerk communicate with the Board of Superintendents through the Faculty of the Theological Seminary as to the action on the case of Mr. Hudson Pennie, and why such action on the reception or rejection of Mr. Pennie was not communicated to the Classis of the Palisades when such action was taken".
It was
VOTED to refer this communication to the Committee on the Professors' Report.

Excuses were received from Rev. J. A. Van Neste and Elder William Van Orden. On motion they were excused.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE RECEPTION OF STUDENTS.

The Committee on Entrance Examinations met in Suydam Hall at 11 A.M. Wednesday, Sept. 24, 1919.

Those present were: Dr. W. H. S. Demarest and the members of the Faculty.

Mr. Demarest was made chairman and Prof. Raven secretary of the Committee.

Prayer was offered by Prof Beardslee.

The following men presented themselves for admission to the Junior Class:

1. Edward Hodge Bishop, A.B. (Princeton, 1896), A.M. (Princeton, 1897). Member of the First Reformed Church, Orange, N. J.

2. Edward Paul Mc Lean, A.B. (Hope College, 1918). Member of Hope Reformed Church, Holland, Mich.

3. George Ingalls Robertson, Jr. Member of the North Reformed Church, Newark, N.J.

4. Reller Davis Van Wagnen, A.B. (Rutgers College, 1918). Member of Walkill Valley Reformed Church, Walkill, N. Y.

After examination they were all admitted to the Junior Class. Mr. Robertson being admitted on probation on account of insufficient academic preparation. It was resolved that any presenting themselves later be examined by the Faculty.

Dr. Demarest finding it necessary to withdraw, the applicants were addressed by Prof. Searle.

The meeting adjourned with prayer by Prof. Raven.

John H. Raven, Secretary.

The Faculty later examined and admitted the following applicants:

1. Melbourne Sawford Applegate, A.B. (Rutgers College, 1918). Member of the Knox Memorial Church, New York City.

2. Theodore De Vries, Mission House College, 1918. Member of the Monroe Reformed Church, Aplington, Iowa.

3. Eilert Dirks, A. B. (Central College, 1919). Member of the First Reformed Church, Meservey, Iowa.

4. Anson Mapes Du Bois, Litt. B. (Rutgers College, 1918). Member ofthe Reformed Church, Newburgh, N. Y.

5. William Reinhart Everts, A.B. (Central College, 1917). Member of the Silver Creek Reformed Church of German Valley, Ill.

6. Johann Schmidt, A.B. (Central College, 1919). Member of the Salem Reformed Church of Little Rock, Iowa.

7. Henri Ernest Schoon, A.B. (Hope College, 1915). Member of the Reformed Church, Buffalo Center, Iowa.

John H. Raven, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MID-WINTER EXAMINATIONS.

The Committee on Mid-Winter Examinations report that the examinations were held at the appointed time and in general were well sustained. One member of the Junior Class failed in Hebrew and a re-examination was required which was at the appointed time sustained.

REPORT OF THE FACULTY.

TO THE BOARD OF SUPERINTENDENTS:

The Faculty of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N.J., respectfully reports on the work of the year ending May 1920.

The following students have been enrolled during the year:

SENIOR CLASS

Charles Edward Bloodgood
Martin Eugene Flipse
Lawrence Henry French
George Carl Hoek
James Edward Hoffman
Anthony Van Westenburg

MIDDLE CLASS

William Arthur Burner, Jr.
John J. De Boer
Walter Augustus Scholten
Robert Wyckoff Searle
Arthur Henry Voerman

JUNIOR CLASS

Melbourne Sawford Applegate
Edward Hodge Bishop
Theodore De Vries
Eilert Dirks
Anson Mapes Du Bois
William Reinhart Everts
Edwin Paul Mc Lean
John Seymour Moore
George Ingalls Robertson, Jr.
Johann Schmidt
Henri Ernest Schoon
Asahel B. Waldorf Smith
Reller Davis Van Wagnen

SPECIAL STUDENT

Everett Le Roy Freeman

Mr. A. B. W. Smith of the Junior Class has taken only the English branches and is seeking a dispensation from Hebrew and Greek from the General Synod.

Mr. F.L.R. Freeman, the special student, is a layman of a sister denomination who has been admitted to certain classes as a guest. He does not recite nor take part in the examinations.

Mr. R. W. Searle of the Middle Class and Mr. J. S. Moore of the Junior Class, who were on leave of absence for war service, returned to the Seminary in September. Mr. G. H. [illegible], who was mentioned in last year's report as on leave of absence for war service, has not returned but is continuing his studies as a member of the [illegible] Class in the Presbyterian Theological Seminary at San Anselmo, California. [illegible], also reported last year as on leave of absence for war service and with impaired health, is now improved in health, but has entered business life in Detroit, Michigan.

Mr. Anthony Van Westenburg of the Senior Class took his Junior and Middle years at the Western Theological Seminary and entered the Senior Class here last September.

[illegible], of the Middle Class, the irregularities of whose attendance was mentioned last year, has made up his deficiencies and established a gratifying record for regularity.

Mr. J. J. De Boer of the Middle Class, the Sandham Scholar of his class, was compelled to discontinue his studies in March on account of his health. He is taking a complete rest and there is good reason to expect that his health will be reestablished so that he can come back to the Seminary next September. Mr. R. W. Searle of the same class, since March 1st has been engaged in the Americanization work of the American Legion in New York City and elsewhere. It is the intention of Messrs. De Boer and Searle to make up the remaining work of the Middle Class and resume their studies in September. Mr. De Boer asks the privilege of taking all the final examinations of the Middle year next September and Mr. Searle asks to postpone some of those examinations until that time. Mr. Tiede Hibma who was reported as a Middler last year has taken his Senior year at the Western Seminary.

Mr. John C. Tanis, who was reported as a Middler last year, did not return last September having finished the studies necessary for ordination in the Presbyterian Church, for which he entered the Seminary.

Mr. John Hitzelberg, reported as a Junior last year, did not return to the Seminary in September and has continued his studies for the ministry.

The deficiencies of Messrs French and Hock of the Senior Class and of Mr. Scholten of the Middle Class mentioned in last years report have been made up and they are in full standing in their classes.

Messrs. Dirks, Everts and Schmidt of the Junior Class are the first graduates of Central College to come to this Seminary. It is hoped that many others will come to us from that institution in the future.

Messrs. Hoffman and De Boer are the George Augustus Sandham Scholars of the Senior and Middle Classes respectively.

The Lodewick prize for the best preacher in the Senior Class has been awarded to Mr. Charles E. Bloodgood.

Professor Searle, who is a member of the Continuation Committee of the Conference of Theological Professors held at Cambridge, Mass., in the summer of 1918, has been appointed by the Faculty as their representative at a second Conference of Theological Professors to be held at Princeton Theological Seminary in June of this year.

Professors Raven and Johnson and Beardslee represented the Faculty at the Pastors' Conference of the Interchurch World Movement for New Jersey which was held at Trenton in February.

The Lectors, Dr. Gillespie, Rev. Simon Blocker and Dr. Beardslee, Sr., and the Instructor Edward Porter St. John have done faithful and efficient service and we hope that their services may be continued.

Professor Edward L. Barbour has given the usual instruction in Elocution and Mr. Herman F. Dietman the usual instruction in Music.

President Henry L. Southwick of the Emerson College of Oratory, Boston, again visited the Seminary to lecture and give instruction in Pulpit Oratory.

The Graves Lectures on Missions were delivered by Rev. William Bancroft Hill, D.D., Professor in Vassar College, and a member of the Board of Foreign Missions of our Church. They presented the present conditions in Japan, China and India and the problems of missionary life, in an able and suggestive way. Arrangements have been made for

the publication of these lectures as a special number of the Missionary Review of the World.

The Faculty Lectures on the Christian Ministry were delivered by President Walter W. Moore, D.D., LL.D., of Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Virginia, and the Alumni Association Lectures by Dean Charles R. Brown, D.D., LL.D., of Yale School of Religion. Both courses were inspirational as well as instructive.

Dr. Edgar J. Banks the explorer and archaeologist visited the Seminary again to give a lecture in his chosen field.

Other lectures and addresses before the Society of Inquiry have been given by the following:

Rev. Willard D. Brown
Rev. S. T. Badley, D.D.
Rev. D. C. Ruigh
Rev. Albertus Pieters
Miss Maude Norling
Rev. Walter T. Scudder
Rev. John H. Warnshuis
Rev. G. W. Watermulder
Rev. Harry [illegible] Noble
Mrs. Mary [illegible] Poe

An exceedingly stimulating and successful Life Work Conference was arranged by the students with the advice and approval of the Faculty. Over forty high school students from distant places and more than fifty students of Rutgers College and Rutgers Preparatory School attended the sessions of the Conference during three days. Addresses on various aspects of the ministry and its opportunities were given by many leaders of our denomination, and personal interviews were held by the speakers as well as the professors and students of the Seminary with the college and high school students regarding their life work. It is gratifying to report that several of the young men took the momentous decision to study for the ministry and that many others were confirmed in that determination already taken. The students of the Seminary exhibited great wisdom and executive ability in arranging the details of the Conference. It is impossible to estimate the full extent of its beneficial results on the life of the Seminary and the lives of those who attended.

All Students are recommended for admission to the examinations.

John H. Raven, For the Faculty.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF THE FACULTY

At the session of Synod in June 1918 an overture was received from the Classis of Hudson asking for a dispensation to Mr. A. B. Waldorf Smith from the study of Hebrew and Greek during his theological course. The Committee on the Professorate, to which this overture was referred, recommended (Minutes p.417) "that Mr. Smith be advised to enter the Seminary in September, and take the regular course excepting Hebrew and Greek, and if his work is satisfactory to himself and his instructors at the end of the year, that he apply to the General Synod in 1919 for a dispensation". This recommendation was approved by the General Synod.

Mr. Smith was prevented from entering the Seminary in September 1918 because of his entry into war service, in which he continued until it was too late to enter during the seminary year of 1918-1919. He, however, entered the Seminary in accordance with the suggestion of General Synod in September last, and has taken the regular course excepting Hebrew and Greek, and also the course in the English Bible conducted by Professor Beardslee, Sr. His work in every class-room has been very satisfactory to each of the Professors under whom he has studied. The Faculty therefore takes pleasure in certifying to this fact, and ask the Board of Superintendents to report Mr. Smith's successful compliance with the conditions imposed on him by the Synod of 1918 in order that the Synod of 1920 may be free to act upon the request of the Classis of Hudson for this dispensation still remaining in its hands.

John H. Raven, For the Faculty.

These reports from the Faculty were received and referred to the Committee on Professors' Report.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE SIXTH PROFESSORSHIP

To the Board of Superintendents of the New Brunswick Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J.

The Board's Committee on the Vacant Sixth Professorship would respectfully report that it is not yet ready to make a nomination for the filling of the Chair, reasons for the delay already suggested continuing. In view of the highly satisfactory services

of Dr. E. P. St. John as instructor in Religious Education during last year your Committee recommends that General Synod be asked by the Board to authorize the continuance of Dr. St. John's services at a compensation of seven hundred and fifty dollars.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee,
W. H. S. Demarest, Chairman.

It was
VOTED, that the report be received and the recommendation be adopted.

COMMITTEE ON THE SIXTH PROFESSORATE

It was,
VOTED, that the Committee on the Sixth Professorate be hereafter composed of Rev. W. H. S. Demarest, D.D., Rev. J. A. Jones, D.D., Rev. J. A. Van Neste, Rev. Edgar Tilton, Jr., D.D., and Rev. A. T. Broek.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SEMINARY GROUNDS AND PROPERTY.

The fifty-first annual report of this Committee was presented by Dr. Searle. The report was received and referred to the Committee on Seminary Grounds and Property, and ordered to be transmitted to the General Synod.

ARTICLE VII. EXAMINATIONS.

WRITTEN EXAMINATIONS

The report of the Committee on Written Examinations was presented by Rev. W. R. Hart,. It was accepted and adopted and is as follows:

The Committee on Written Examinations met with the Faculty, Dr. Steinfuhrer presiding and Mr. Hart acting as clerk.

The sub-committees reported as follows:

For Dr. Searle's department, Rev. Edgar Tilton, Jr., D.D., and Peter Crispell. The examination papers were very satisfactory. It is recommended that the students be passed.

For Dr. Schenck's department. Rev. C. P. Ditmars and Rev. H. Hageman. The examinations were sustained for the most part.in a very satisfactory manner. It is recommended that all the students be passed.

For Dr. Raven's department. Dr. Steinfuhrer and Rev. A. T. Broek. The papers submitted showed diligent application on the part of the students and faithful instruction on the part of the professors. Those of the Senior Class were excellent. It is recommended that they be passed. Of the Middle Class it is recommended that Messsrs. Voerman and Burner be passed, and Messrs. Scholten and Searle be given a re-examination. For the Junior Class it is recommended that all be passed, except Mr. DeVries, who should be given a re-examination.

For Dr. Johnson's department. Rev. T. P. Vernoll and Rev. C. M. Tyndall, D.D. The papers were upon the whole of a high order, some exceptionally fine. The whole exercise was a credit to students, professors and the institution. It is recommended that all be passed.

For the department of Dr. Beardslee, Jr. Dr. Gowen and Rev. W. R. Hart. A fine, inclusive examination was given, and papers of varying merit from fine to poor submitted. Mr. Burner, who has taken Greek under Dr. Gillespie, did not take the examinations; nor did Mr. De Boer, who has been absent on sick leave: nor Mr. Searle, who has been absent on war work. These are of the Middle Class. Of the Junior Class, Mr. Smith takes no Greek or Hebrew. It is recommended that all taking the examinations be passed.

For those under instruction by Dr. Gillespie and Rev. Simon Blocker. Rev. Albert Von Schlieder and Rev. C. Van Ooostenbrugge. The examinations of the Seniors and Middlers in Textual Criticism, and of the Seniors, Middlers and Juniors in Biblical Theology show a creditable knowledge of the subjects. It is recommended that all be passed, with the exception of Mr. Searle, who was absent on war work.

For the examination of Mr. Smith, under instruction of Dr. Beardslee, Sr., it is recommended that Mr. Smith be passed.

It is recommended that Mr. Le Boer, absent for a considerable time on account of illness, be given an examination at the opening

of the Seminary in the fall; also that Mr. Searle, absent from the Seminary for some time on account of war work, be given examinations in the fall in the departments of Mr. Beardslee, Jr., and Mr. Blocker, which he has not taken, and also be re-examined in Hebrew; also that Messrs. Scholten and De Vries be given a re-examination in Hebrew in the fall.

It is further recommended that Mr. Du Bois, who was given permission by the President of the Faculty to return to his home yesterday on account of illness in his family, be excused from the oral examinations of this morning.

C. L. F. Steinfuhrer, Chairman.

ORAL EXAMINATIONS

Rev. J. H. Brandow, chairman of section one, reported that all of the examinations attended had been well sustained.

Rev. Martin Flipse, chairman of section two, reported that all of the examinations, with one exception, had been passed.

Dr. Gowen, chairman of section three, praised the manner in which the examinations had been conducted and reported that the students had acquitted themselves with honor.

On motion all of these reports were accepted.

ARTICLE VIII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

COMMITTEE ON PROFESSORS' REPORT.

Your Committee on Professors' Report would respectfull report that there has been put in their hands the regular report of the Faculty and also the Faculty's Supplementary Report regarding the dispensation from Hebrew and Greek for Mr. A. B. Waldorf Smith, of the Junior Class; also a resolution from the Classis of the Palisades regarding the non-acceptance of Mr. Hudson Pennie.

We commend the Faculty for the efficient and successful service of another year in Seminary life. We note with pleasure the increasing number of special lectures before the student body by men chosen to bring them both instruction and inspiration, and hope the Faculty will see their way clear to continue the same.

We recommend that Instructor Edward Porter St. John be re-employed for another year at a salary of $750. We recognize the efficient service of Lectors Dr. Gillespie and Rev. Simon Blocker and Dr. Beardslee, Sr., and hope the way will be clear for their continuance.

We recommend the action of the Faculty in publishing for wider reading, the Graves Lectures on Missions, by Rev. Wm. Bancroft Hill, D.D.

We commend the Senior Class and all the student body for the wise and efficient manner in which they arranged and conducted the Life Conference held during the year.

We recommend that the Board of Superintendents endorse the application from the Faculty to the General Synod for a dispensation from the study of Hebrew and Greek in behalf of Mr. A. B. Waldorf Smith, of the Junior Class, Mr. Smith having complied fully with all the conditions that were laid upon him.

Whereas Mr. Hudson Pennie did not appear before the Committee on the Reception of Students, we recommend that the whole matter concerning his reception be left to a special committee consisting of the President of the Faculty and Dr. Gowen, the member of the Board from the Classis of the Palisades.

C. P. Ditmars
C. F. Benjamin

It was
VOTED, that the report be accepted and all of its recommendations be adopted.

COMMITTEE ON SYNODICAL MINUTES

Rev. Martin Flipse, the chairman, reported that the Committee found nothing in the Minutes of the General Synod requiring special action by the Board.

On motion the report was accepted.

COMMITTEE ON SYNODICAL REPORT

The chairman of the Committee, Rev. J. R. Sizoo, presented the report, which was ordered to be forwarded to the General Synod when completed by the Stated Clerk. The report is printed in full in the Minutes of Synod.

COMMITTEE ON SEMINARY GROUNDS AND PROPERTY

Your Committee on the Report of the Standing Committee on the Seminary Grounds and Property and the Treasurer's Report, would report that they have examined the latter and found it in proper form, fully examined and approved, to be presented to the General Synod in regard to the former report, your Committee find nothing worthy of note to report to this Board, save the deficit of income from the contributions of our churches to meet the upkeep of the Seminary buildings and therefore recommend to the Board the wisdom of calling the attention of the churches through the Synod, that in view of the promising success of the Forward Movement, that the Seminary become the recipient of much larger returns during the coming five years.

L. T. Gowen, Chairman.

On Motion the report was accepted and the recommendation adopted.

COMMITTEE ON EXAMINATION OF SERMONS

Rev. G. H. Hospers, chairman of the Committee, reported that the sermons submitted by the members of the Senior and Middle Classes had been received, distributed for examination among the members of the Board and had all been returned, the most of them with very favorable comments.

The report was accepted.

ARTICLE IX. PARTICULARIA

The Standing Committee on Seminary Grounds and Property invited the members of the Board to be their guests at the noonday and evening meals in Hertzog Hall. The invitation was heartily accepted and appropriate resolutions of thanks were adopted.

Excuses were granted to Rev. J. A. Van Neste and Elder Wm. Van Orden. Messrs. Gowen and Bird were excused from the Thursday morning session.

It was
VOTED, that the examination of the members of the Senior Class in preaching and personal religion and views in desiring the ministry, be sustained.

It was
VOTED, that, with the exceptions noted, the students of the various classes be regularly advanced and that Professorial Certificates be granted to the members of the Senior Class.

It was
VOTED, that the following bills be ordered paid: traveling expenses of Rev. Martin Flipse, forty dollars, as a member from the Particular Synod of Chicago; the regular salary of the Stated Clerk of the Board; and the cost of the Examination Schedules, printed by J. Heidingsfeld.

It was
VOTED, that the President of the Board, Rev. Albert Von Schlieder, D.D., be appointed to address the graduating class next year on behalf of the Board. Rev. A. T. Broek was elected his alternate.

The members of the Faculty were received at 9.15. In his address to them the President of the Board commended them highly for their earnest and faithful labors. He also spoke of the sense of satisfaction they must feel in being able to transmute themselves to the souls of the men who have been under their training, and the reason for gratification as they see from year to year the truth studied become expressed in the personality and preaching and spiritual lives of young men who enter the Gospel ministry.

Brief responses were made by the President of the Faculty and Professor Schenck.

The students were received at 9.45 and informed by the President of the Board that they had been duly advanced and that Professorial Certificates would be presented to the members of the Senior Class. The Seniors were reminded that they were going out to a hard task, and that they must remember the servant is not greater than his Master. "Follow the trail of the serpent, for it is your sole business to deal with sin. Do not allow the glamour of sin to blind you. Be careful how you handle the cross of Christ. You have no right to use it to bruise the saint or the sinner. It is yours to guide others to the foot of the cross and there to leave them".

ARTICLE X. RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

All of the sessions of the Board were opened and closed with prayer.

The minutes were read and approved.

ARTICLE XI. ADJOURNMENT.

Adjournment was ordered at the close of the graduation exercises.

The Commencement Exercises of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick were held in Kirkpatrick Chapel on Thursday morning, at 11.45. The Professorial Certificates were presented to the members of the graduating class by Professor Edward P. Johnson, D.D. The address to the graduates was delivered by the Retirng President, Rev. Peter Crispell, on behalf of the Board of Superintendents. Rev. Oliver H. Walser, D.D., delivered the Alumni Oration.

The closing prayer was offered by Rev. Martin Flipse, the father of one of the members of the graduating class.

Albert Van Schaick President

Joseph R. Flipse Temporary Clerk

Jasper S. Hogan,
Stated Clerk